

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

NUMBER: NINETY-NINE

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND OFFICES

RE: GOVERNOR'S MENTORING COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the citizens of Delaware are deeply concerned about providing academic role models to children at risk of dropping out of schools and have shown strong interest in a maximization of the State's efforts to counteract this dilemma; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to reach out to Delaware youths and advise them of the importance of education upon personal growth, maturation and productivity, as well as the future stability and productivity of our state; and

WHEREAS, there is an ever-increasing need for young people to have a caring, supportive relationship with an adult in order to provide the role modeling necessary to see him/her through the process of growing up in our complex society; and

WHEREAS, it is also essential that Delaware's mentors provide a viable hope for children to find motivation to pursue academic excellence and to assist children in setting achievable academic goals; and

WHEREAS, it has been proven that mentoring can have a significant impact on a child's academic performance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of such children to establish a mentoring committee to serve as a forum for promoting, communicating, and organizing a statewide initiative to increase mentoring opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Mentoring Committee is hereby established.

2. The Mentoring Committee shall consist of members appointed by the Governor, including two such members designated by the Governor as Co-Chairpersons. The members of the Commission shall be broadly representative of the communities of Delaware and of the various educational institutions and agencies which service them. The composition of the Commission also shall comprise a broad geographic cross-section of the State.

3. The Mentoring Committee shall have the specific responsibility to:

(a) Define and prioritize the appropriate roles that academic mentors can play in order to assist children-at-risk in achieving high student performance;

(b) Develop and implement an academic role modeling program which emphasizes such topics as self-discipline, motivation, positive self-image, personal growth, productivity, self-confidence and support for their academic work;

(c) Develop and implement a public awareness program to promote and recruit individuals to serve as academic mentors;

(d) Develop and implement programs to train, place and support mentors in the community;

(e) Design and sponsor an annual Governor's Mentoring Conference to showcase successful programs, promote public awareness and build public/private partnerships;

(f) Develop a new strategy by working with similar existing organizations to connect students with adults who care;

(g) Establish a Mentoring Clearinghouse through the Volunteer Link, which will collaborate with other organizations, especially programs that provide minority role models;

(h) Cooperate and work with the appropriate State and local agencies concerned with the problems of Delaware youths remaining in school;

(i) Perform such other tasks as the Governor may assign to it.

4. The Mentoring Committee shall make periodic reports to the Governor on its activities, and shall issue such other reports or assistance as the Governor from time to time may request.



APPROVED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of September, 1991.

Michael A. Castle  
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Secretary of State