



## Imperial S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Mentoring Programs

Guiding Youth. Strengthening Families. Building Futures.

### What Is the S.A.M. & D.I.M.E. Mentoring Program?

For over 50-combined years, the **S.A.M. (Shriners as Mentors)** and **D.I.M.E. (Daughters of Imperial Mentoring Excellence)** Mentoring Programs has connected young people with caring, trained adult mentors who provide guidance, encouragement, and positive role modeling.

Our mission is to support **at-risk youth ages 8-22** by helping them grow academically, socially, emotionally, and as future leaders.

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### Who Is the Program For?

The program serves youth who may be facing challenges such as: - Struggles in school or declining grades - Limited access to positive adult role models - Economic hardship - Exposure to violence or negative peer pressure - Lack of enrichment or leadership opportunities

**At-risk does not mean incapable;** It means a young person deserves extra support.

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### Why Mentoring Matters (Proven Impact)

Mentoring makes a real difference: - Youth with mentors are **55% more likely to attend college** - **52% less likely to skip school** - **46% less likely to use illegal drugs** - **33% less likely to engage in violent behavior**

Mentored youth show increased confidence, stronger decision-making skills, and improved academic performance.

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### What Mentors Provide

✓ Consistent support and encouragement ✓ Academic and life-skills guidance ✓ Leadership development ✓ Positive role modeling ✓ A safe, structured environment

Mentors partner with families—they do not replace parents or guardians.

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## What Youth Gain

✓ A trusted adult who listens ✓ Help setting goals and planning for the future ✓ Exposure to careers, leadership, and service ✓ A sense of belonging and purpose

**“A mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself.”**

— Oprah Winfrey

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## Our Commitment

We are committed to: - Safe, ethical, and accountable mentoring - Respect for families and community values - Cultural pride and positive identity development - Long-term youth success—not quick fixes

**“Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.”**

— James Baldwin

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## Get Involved

**Parents & Guardians:** Enroll your child **Youth:** Join and discover your potential 🏠 **Community**

**Partners:** Collaborate with us

**When we mentor our youth, we secure our future.**

*For more information or to get involved, contact your local Temple or Court.*

**Temple/Court Contact Information:** \_\_\_\_\_

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