



Silver Lining Mentoring empowers youth in foster care to flourish through committed mentoring relationships and the development of essential life skills.

We thrive when we matter.



THE ISSUE

There are **more than 1500 youth** in the Greater Boston area who have been removed from their families and placed in foster care due to abuse and neglect.

- Youth in foster care are frequently moved to different homes and schools —often multiple times in one year.
- Youth in care lack consistent relationships and a sense of belonging — cornerstones for healthy development.
- According to the Jim Casey Foundation, the US invests billions of dollars supporting youth impacted by foster care.

THE SILVER LINING SOLUTION

Founded in 2001, Silver Lining Mentoring is the only mentoring organization in the Commonwealth **exclusively focused on the unique needs of youth in foster care.**

- Silver Lining's volunteer mentors are often the only adult in our kids' lives who are not paid to spend time with them.
- Silver Lining's clinically trained social workers support both the mentor and the mentee throughout the relationship.
- "Learn & Earn" is a matched savings, life-skills program offered to youth ages 16 and older in order to develop essential skills including financial literacy, housing and employment.
- Even though youth "age out" of the foster care system at age 18, youth never "age out" of Silver Lining Mentoring's services.

WE GIVE YOUTH WHAT THEY NEED, WHEN THEY NEED IT, FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED IT.

"My mentor is the person who replaces all the people that should have been there for me."

SILVER LINING MENTORING
YOUTH PARTICIPANT, AGE 18

"Simply put, Silver Lining Mentoring is dedicated to serving a youth population that has fallen between the cracks and their unique model of mentoring works."

DAVID SHAPIRO, CEO MENTOR,
NATIONAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

THE IMPACT

Our average match length is  55 months, more than six times the national average of 9 months.



67% of youth involved at Silver Lining Mentoring are employed versus 43% of their peers in foster care.

Silver Lining Mentoring youth are  2x more likely to attend college than their peers in foster care.

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HELP SILVER LINING MENTORING DO THIS IMPORTANT WORK.