

## FOCUS MENTOR APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: hm \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ retired \_\_\_\_\_

Married?: yes \_\_\_\_\_ divorced \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Children: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a current driver's license: yes no a vehicle: yes no

I understand that a background check will be necessary. Please initial here \_\_\_\_\_

1. Have you ever been in jail or prison? This does not necessarily exclude you from mentorship. Write a short description, including the offense and how you would characterize this experience. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Experience in the following fields may be considered pertinent to mentoring

Previous mentorship

Counseling

    Therapy, professional

    Ministry

Group work

Spiritual practice

    personal

    leader

Other: (such as parenting) \_\_\_\_\_

Explain how this experience prepares you for mentoring offenders. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Explain why you have chosen to work with offenders. \_\_\_\_\_

4. A 14 hour initial training (4 sessions), including an orientation at the jail, is required. There is also a 2 hr mandatory workshop on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6-8pm, dinner provided. Are you willing to participate? yes    no

5. The mentor commitment is 1-2 hours per week, hours flexible, meeting with your mentee, for the minimum of 1 year. This time will span the offender's incarceration and release if a jail inmate. Probationer matches are also a minimum of 1 year.

As a mentor you are also asked, if possible, to attend court hearings, and to be available at critical times, such as the day of release. Your support is invaluable to mentee success at these destabilizing junctures. If you are unavailable at any particular time another staff member will fill in.

Describe any restrictions on your availability. \_\_\_\_\_

6. There are a number of FOCUS guidelines which are in place for your security, regarding personal involvement with offenders. You will be asked to sign an agreement to abide by these once a match is made.

7. Focus carries insurance on all Mentors for their volunteer activities time, including auto insurance. Once you are matched with an offender, you will be asked to fill out an insurance form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please use more space for any questions either below or on the back of the form.  
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