

Have a positive influence on a child

To the Editor:

Many young people face difficult circumstances: one out of four lives with only one parent, one out of 10 is born to teen parents, one out of five lives in poverty, and 1 out of 10 will not finish high school.

A caring adult can make all the difference in a child's life.

Today, too many Norwalk youth may not be getting the support they need to become successful members of society. That's

why we need more mentor volunteers.

Spending just as little as one hour a week with a child at one of the Norwalk public schools can make all the difference.

Studies show that young people who are mentored are 73 percent more likely to raise their goals, 59 percent more likely to get better grades, and 46 percent less likely to start using drugs.

And, we can bet that as a mentor you'll enjoy the experience.

You will feel rewarded just watching the difference you make as the young person you mentor matures and grows to reach his or her fullest potential.

So please join us. If you're interested in having a positive influence on a child, contact us at The Human Services Council at (203) 849-1111 or jeffren@hscct.org.

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