

Midwest Conference Women's Missionary Society
Save Our Youth (SOY)

PURPOSE:

Develop a voluntary relationship supported and sanctioned by the Women's Missionary Society.
Help children develop socially and emotionally.
Provide coaching and mentoring services to children.
Provide structure and non-structure activities focused on improving the quality of life for children.
The program is designed to benefit the personal growth of the child and spiritual fulfillment of the Society.

REQUIREMENTS:

Persons working one on one with the child **must** attend the A.M.E. Church sexual harassment training.
Each local Society should adopt/mentor at least one child ages four to twenty-four.
Consider children in the A.M.E. Church first (not required).
Be aware of the needs of the child by completing a needs assessment.
Obtain your local school and regional United Way guide.
The child does not have to be a particular risk group.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

Pray with and for the child.
Send cards for birthdays, holidays, just because, etc
Take them to breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner.
Take them to church, Y.P.D. meeting, Sunday school, conference, etc.
Take them to the theater or a movie.
Buy them books and or enroll them in a tutorial program.
Buy them some clothes.
Take them to a game or attend their sports games.
Support their other activities.
Teach them basic etiquette such as how to dress, when to dress, etc
Teach them how to speak.
Train them how to dress and interview for jobs.
Give them some cash.

GOAL:

Build a healthy Christian relationship between the child and Missionaries.

Provide mentoring and coaching to enable children to become self supporting Christian adults.

Help build self esteem.

Refer them to appropriate agencies.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT:

The Midwest Conference Women's Missionary Society will present children participating throughout the conference year with an age appropriate book or gift card yearly.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

Each Local Society should email a quarterly report to lcousin@kc.rr.com or mail via USP to Midwest Women's Missionary Society, Commission on Christian Social Action, Attention: Linda Cousin, 9900 Wayne Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64131(Please use form provided). Reports are due March 1, June 1, and September 1, 2011. Pictures will be appreciated but not required.