

INCREASING SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT

MENTOR Vermont's Increasing Sustainable Investment Initiative is one of four key focus areas driving the organization's work. This initiative is centered around building awareness and establishing meaningful partnerships with a diverse array of changemakers to share in the advancement of mentoring and secure the necessary funding for building mentoring capacity to meet community needs.



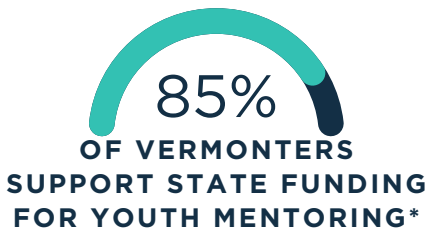
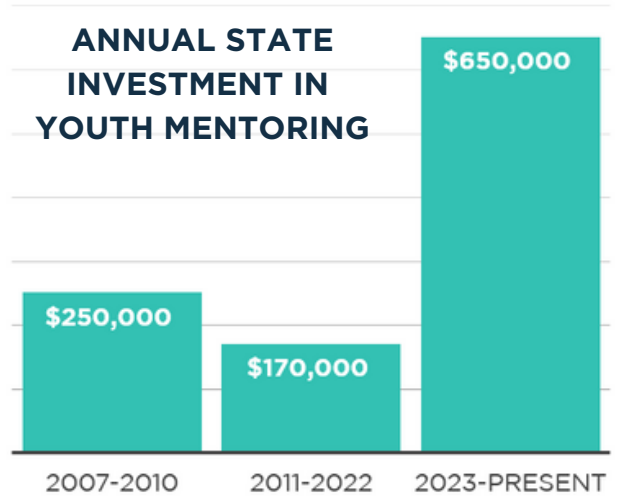
CORE COMPONENTS

- Vermont Mentoring Grants
- Expanding Youth Mentoring Funding Sources
- Mentoring Program Development Supports



MENTOR Vermont provides annual funding directly to youth mentoring agencies, investing in the creation and support of quality, long-term youth mentoring relationships. This grantmaking remains the only statewide mentoring-specific funding available in Vermont.

As a result of MENTOR Vermont's strategic advocacy work, the Vermont mentoring field secured the first increase in State funding since 2008, resulting in a 282% increase in State dollars invested in mentoring. Passthrough funding remains a central pillar of MENTOR Vermont's work, representing more than half of MENTOR Vermont's annual budget.



"It's the organization that holds the whole landscape accountable. If not for MENTOR Vermont, the A.D. Henderson Foundation wouldn't be able to fund all of these individual mentoring programs...The key difference I've seen over MENTOR Vermont's evolution is that there's a greater sense of accountability and professionalism in the youth mentoring field. And camaraderie and ownership among all of those running programs."

—Eddie Gale, Program Officer
A.D. Henderson Foundation

MENTOR Vermont continues to advocate for mentoring programs eligibility and accessibility to various funding sources in order for youth mentoring agencies to access sustainable local funding.

IN 2024-2025, MENTOR VERMONT WILL...

- Continue to oversee the Vermont Mentoring Grants.
- Invest 55% (\$620,000) of the organization's budget to passthrough grants for youth mentoring agencies.
- Advocate for sustained and increasing State investment in youth mentoring.
- Support youth mentoring program's fundraising strategies.
- Share funding opportunities with the field.

**Polling provided by Embold Research, a Public Benefit Corporation, per a 907 poll of adults in Vermont in the United States, conducted between Sep 14-20, 2022*