



## Reaching Out Mentoring Program Fact Sheet 2009

### History

- Reaching Out Mentoring (ROMP) began in 2005 in the Pleasant Hill School District with 12 students between grades five and eight.
- In 2006, ROMP expanded to Pleasant Hill High School and Trent Elementary matching students between grades one and twelve with mentors.
- By 2007 ROMP served 88 students in the Pleasant Hill School District
- In 2008 ROMP expanded to the South Lane School District opening a Mentor Center at Lincoln Middle School.
- In 2009 ROMP added an additional Mentor Center at Cottage Grove High School. ROMP now served 65 students between grades six and twelve in the South Lane School District.

### Program Evaluation

In our 2008-2009 evaluation we learned:

- 60% of youth feel close to their mentors and are willing to confide in them.
- 75% of parents reported that since their child had a mentor, their child is more participatory in home life, less defiant, and more accepting.
- 90% of teachers reported that students with a mentor are turning in work more regularly and of a higher quality.

ROMP had eight students transition from Lincoln Middle School to Cottage Grove High School this school year. In this first year of our high school center being open we have found:

- Eight of the 10 matches are meeting with their same mentor.
- Nine of the 10 mentees have maintained a GPA above 2.5 in the first marking period.
- All 10 have improved attendance rates in the first nine weeks of this year compared to the first nine weeks of last year.
- Our high school Mentor Coordinators reports that the students matched with mentors are doing better with the transition to high school than their counterparts who are beginning with a mentor their freshman year of high school.