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UM GROUP SEEKS MENTORS FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

TRANSITIONING OUT OF FOSTER CARE CAN BE DIFFICULT WITHOUT SUPPORT AND LIFE SKILLS. BUILDING SKILLS FOR ADULTHOOD, A GROUP BASED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA-MISSOULA, IS SEEKING MENTORS AND LIFE-SKILLS EDUCATORS TO WORK WITH FOSTER YOUTH AGES 16 TO 21 IN THE LOCAL AREA. YOUTH WITH MENTORS HAVE IMPROVED ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL, GRADES, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS. IN ONLY A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK, YOU CAN HELP A YOUNG PERSON DEVELOP MONEY-MANAGEMENT, DECISION-MAKING AND EDUCATION-PLANNING SKILLS. WORK ONE-ON-ONE WITH AN INDIVIDUAL OR LEAD A CLASS. CALL 1-800-556-6803 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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