

MENTOR PERCEPTIONS OF EFFECTIVE MENTORING PROGRAMS

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ABSTRACT

After examining the literature surrounding the benefits and challenges, two program examples, and the professional development of mentor training programs, mentors receiving two different types of training in a mid-sized county in southeastern North Carolina are surveyed. Mentor perceptions of effective training are investigated. Then, the data is disaggregated by grade level including elementary school and middle/high school mentors. The literature trends and survey results are compared and contrasted. Recommendations are made for future training programs.

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