

Mike Mackey - Bittersweet Customer and City of Alexandria Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinator

Recently awarded the E. Judith Krasnow Award by the Jaycees, Mike started his career of youth mentoring after graduating from the University of Massachusetts. After positions in Massachusetts, Texas and New York, he came to Alexandria in 1997 as a community based probation officer. Named the Commonwealth of Virginia's Probation Officer of the Year in 2004, Mike became the City of Alexandria Gang Prevention and Intervention Coordinator in November 2005. While maintaining an intensive caseload, Mike always has time to drop by for a quick bite, a smile and to drum up support for his youth mentoring program. Want to become involved?

Both regionally and locally, efforts are being made to prevent the risk of gang involvement. Please log onto <http://www.alexandriava.gov/gangprevention> or contact Mike Mackey, Alexandria Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator [email: <mailto:mike.mackey@alexandriava.gov>, phone: (703)-838-4144] to learn about various initiatives, to learn how you can get help or to learn how you can help.

Mentoring is proven to help prevent crime, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, gang involvement and poor school performance. The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (<http://www.alexandriava.gov/mentoring>) is a collaborative of 15 mentor programs, staff and volunteers working to recruit, train and support adults so that every child in need or want of a mentor can have one. Right now, we need at least 200 adults and we will always need more. Mentor a child. Change two lives. Please log onto <http://www.alexandriava.gov/mentoring> or contact Mike Mackey, Alexandria Gang Prevention & Intervention Coordinator [email: <mailto:mike.mackey@alexandriava.gov>, phone: (703)-838-4144].