

MENTORING PROGRAMS

- **Lunch Buddy Program:** The Lunch Buddy program is a mentoring program that matches referred students in grades Kindergarten through sixth with an adult from the community who has lunch with the student at least twice monthly. They stay on school property but have lunch in a one-on-one situation either in the classroom or other quiet area provided for them. Mentors are encouraged to develop a positive relationship, encourage school attendance, help build a strong sense of well-being, and have fun with the students. The goals of this program are to help the Lunch Buddy to build a trusting relationship with their mentor and for the mentor to express importance of school attendance and participation.



- **The Career Mentoring** program links referred students from the Junior and Senior High Schools with a mentor from a local business or organization. They meet weekly at the mentor's workplace and have the opportunity to learn hands on skills and build strong relationships with a positive adult role model. The goals of the program are to assist the student in setting vocational goals by placing them in the workplace to increase their awareness of career opportunities and to establish

an understanding of work ethics, as well as build healthy, trusting relationships. Mentors help build the mentees self-image, strengthen their communication skills and help students recognize the value of continuing their education through high school and beyond. This mentoring relationship provides organizations and individuals the opportunity to impact the future employability of young adults. The goals of this program are to help the mentee to build a trusting relationship with their mentor and for the mentor to express importance of school attendance and participation. MAYN has a number of retirees that are career mentors. These mentors get to share their unique life experiences with the student during visits to various business and establishments across Marshall.