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**Elm Street DREAM Update
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February was a fabulous month for Elm Street DREAM! The mentors continued to develop their program with some internal structural changes, continued concentration on relationships between mentors and their partners, and continued community development initiatives.

The mentors devoted their Friday program to developing one-on-one partner relationships, and allowing new mentors the opportunity to shadow already existing partner pairs. The principle that mentors hoped to pull through their Friday activities was to create continuity and overall strength in the program. As they worked to develop this through programming, mentors also began the transition of a number of graduating senior mentors. The ultimate goal is for a smooth transition for the children, families, and mentors allowing the program to continue to grow in size next fall and invite more children, families, and mentors to join DREAM.

In addition to concentrating on one-on-one relationships the mentors created a board of mentors to oversee and facilitate the group in their weekly meetings, Friday programming, events, and overall logistics. The board will help distribute leadership among more mentors than just the co-chairs. The current board consists of mentors acting as the chair for their committees, including but not limited to community development, networking, community service, annual events, Fridays, and culminating events.

The mentors collaborated with the central office to plan a mentor retreat with the following objectives carried out: Team building, board presentation and assignment, community development discussion, and inspirational discussion centered on DREAM's mission. The retreat was a huge success and the energy and strength that has followed is tremendous.

Elm Street DREAM had a fantastically fabulous February and has marvelous makings for March.

Keep DREAMing!
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