



To Whom It May Concern:

Children deserve a future filled with promising opportunities. We can help children “bridge the gap” academically, emotionally, and socially; thus, helping them to be successful 21st Century learners and reach their full potential. Bridging The Gap Learning Center is dedicated to helping children achieve a positive pathway to learning by providing tutorial and mentoring programs that reach the “total child.”

Our programs incorporate an interdisciplinary approach which includes individualized academic plans based on the state’s curriculum standards, counseling for parents to empower them to provide effective academic support to their children to ensure a successful learning experience, and a dynamic mentoring program that fosters a lifelong commitment to students and their overall success. We individually counsel with children and their parents to select the best suited academic instructor and mentor for their needs and coordinate activities to strengthen the children’s desire to accomplish individual goals. We believe that children can exceed unimaginable heights if they are given academic support and are exposed to positive role models and life experiences.

No Child Left Behind is the foundation of this nation’s philosophy of education; however, school systems struggle to meet the needs of children. State mandates on children’s mastery levels are increasing, class sizes are getting larger, and teachers are facing overwhelming curriculum guidelines. Although the educational system needs repair, children are still expected to succeed! We must reach as many children as we can and give them the academic and social support they need in order to rise above these educational obstacles and be successful.

Bridging The Gap Learning Center needs people like you who are willing to offer the financial support that children need in order to excel. To learn more about our programs, visit us on the web at btglearningcenter.com. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 757-268-6586 or via email at 4kids@btglearningcenter.com. I challenge you to go beyond the call of duty and help make a difference. Failure is not an option!

Sincerely,

LaShondra Rice
Founder/President

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TUTORIAL PROGRAM

Tutoring is available for all grades in the following subjects:

READING
ENGLISH
MATHEMATICS
SCIENCE
SOCIAL STUDIES
HISTORY
WRITING
STUDY SKILLS
VA SOL Prep Classes
SAT Workshops

TUTORIAL & MENTORING PACKAGES OFFERED

<p><u>1 NINE WEEKS BLOCK-\$560.00</u> \$70.00/Week \$280.00/Month for 2 Months</p> <p>Assessment Testing Week 2 Tutorial Hours/Week for 8 Weeks 4 Classroom Visits *Mentor and Activities Included</p>	<p><u>SEMESTER BLOCK-\$1120.00</u> \$70.00/Week \$280.00/Month For 4 Months</p> <p>2 Assessment Testing Weeks 2 Tutorial Hours/Week for 16 Weeks 8 Classroom Visits *Mentor and Activities Included</p>
<p><u>3 NINE WEEKS BLOCK-\$1680.00</u> \$70.00/Week \$280.00/Month For 6 Months</p> <p>3 Assessment Testing Weeks 2 Tutorial Hours/Week for 24 Weeks 12 Classroom Visits *Mentor and Activities Included</p>	<p><u>YEAR BLOCK-\$2240.00</u> \$70.00/Week \$280.00/Month For 8 Months</p> <p>4 Assessment Testing Weeks 2 Tutorial Hours/Week for 32 Weeks 16 Classroom Visits *Mentor and Activities Included</p>

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MENTORING PROGRAM

If your child needs a positive role model who has a vested interest in your child's emotional and social growth, BTG can help! Our mentors do classroom/school visits to offer support to your child. They also spend time with your child outside of school for outings. Our goal is to foster lifelong positive relationships with our students as well as expose them to various social and cultural events in the area, such as plays, sporting events, museums, musicals, etc.

For Juniors and Seniors: We offer "Life After Graduation"- how to fill out applications, the interview process, how to choose the right college, preparing for college, military training, etc.

THE COMER MODEL

WE BELIEVE that the recipe for a well-rounded successful student calls for not only academic reinforcement, but emotional and social support as well, thus reaching the "total child." One to one tutoring and mentoring services has proven to be the key ingredients in improving a student's overall performance.

WHAT IS THE COMER MODEL? James Comer's School Development Program, also known as the Comer Process, is intended to improve the educational experience of minority youth. Improvement is attained by building supportive bonds among children, parents, and school staff to promote a positive school climate.

HOW DID IT GET STARTED? More than 25 years ago, child psychiatrist James Comer and his colleagues at Yale Child Study Center experimented with a 2-year school intervention program in two inner-city elementary schools in New Haven, Connecticut. Based on his observations, Mr. Comer concluded that children's experiences at home and in school deeply affects their psychosocial development, which in turn shapes their academic achievement. *Conversely, poor academic performance is in large part a function of the failure to bridge the social and cultural gaps between home and school.*

WHAT ARE ITS GOALS? The School Development Program is designed to create a school environment where children feel comfortable, valued, and secure. In this environment, children will form positive emotional bonds with school staff and parents and a positive attitude toward the school program, which promotes the children's overall development and, in turn, facilitates academic learning.

"Nothing is more important to success in schools than the quality of relationships between and among students, staff, and parents."

--Dr. James P. Comer



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SPONSORSHIP & DONATION FORM

COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WITH YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

Bridging The Gap Learning Center

838 Worcester Way

Newport News, VA 23602

Name/Company: _____

Home: _____ Mobile: _____

Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

I would like to sponsor _____ child/children for the Tutorial/Mentoring Program.

1 NINE WEEK BLOCK-\$560.00

My sponsorship gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

I would like to sponsor _____ child/children for the Tutorial/Mentoring Program.

1 SEMESTER BLOCK-\$1120.00

My sponsorship gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

I would like to sponsor _____ child/children for the Tutorial/Mentoring Program.

3 NINE WEEK BLOCK-\$1680.00

My sponsorship gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

I would like to sponsor _____ child/children for the Tutorial/Mentoring Program.

YEAR BLOCK-\$2240.00

My sponsorship gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

- I would like to give a **DONATION** in the amount of \$ _____ to assist with the Tutorial/Mentoring Program. (You will be sent a Certificate of Appreciation for your donation.)



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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

Certificate of Appreciation

Bio and picture of the child/children (*pending parent release*)

Updates on the child's/children's progress (*pending parent release*)

Annual Sponsorship Banquet Invitation

Name/Company advertised on our website

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