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Mentoring

Mentoring Defined:

One-on-one relationships with experienced, high-level managers can foster and support the career development of lower-level managers. Mentoring, which is a long-term, future-oriented process, is particularly helpful for minorities and women who traditionally have been underrepresented in management. Mentoring also can help prepare non-management employees for promotion through a succession planning program.

Mentors do not provide instruction in job performance; instead, their role is to:

- demonstrate the kinds of skills needed to get ahead in an organization,
- identify developmental opportunities,
- offer encouragement, and
- pass on organizational values.

Many companies support and encourage mentoring relationships, finding them helpful in eliminating barriers to the advancement of women and minorities. Mentoring programs also can serve to identify employees with high potential for advancement. Successful mentoring programs offer guidance to both mentors and mentees on how to gain the most from the process.



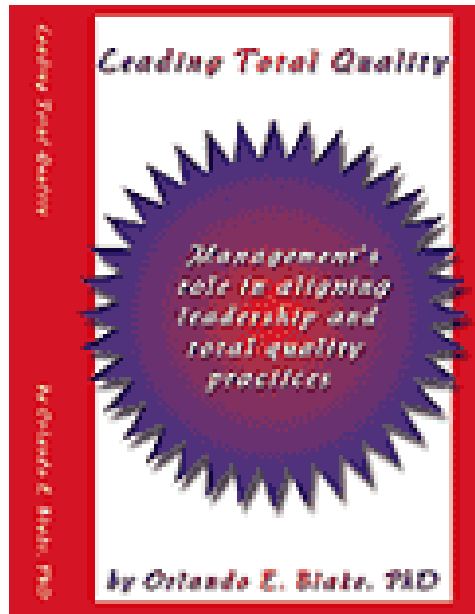
[Read More](#) about what mentoring programs are, the basic considerations when starting one, who makes good mentors and mentees, and the expected mentoring timeline. Our [mentoring partnership agreement](#) is also available on The Blake Group website.

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For any questions related to mentoring, please contact me. I would be happy to learn more about your organization.

Sincerely,

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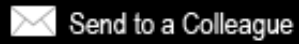
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