The Tutor/Mentor Leadership and Networking conferences are part of a 16-year strategy intended to help volunteer-based tutoring/mentoring programs grow in the areas where there are too many poorly performing schools, too much violence, and too few programs helping young people stay in school and prepare for 21st century jobs and careers.

**Keynote speakers:**
Thurs, May 27 - Dr. James Garbarino, Loyola University-Chicago, author of “Lost Boys,” on Violence and Young Men

Thurs, May 27 - Lunchtime - Bill Curry, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, The Breakthrough Model for Tutoring and Mentoring

Friday May 28 - Catherine Gottfred, Leap Learning Systems, Youth Brain Development and Literacy

Friday, May 28 - Lunchtime - Prof. Deanna Wilkinson, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science, Ohio State University

**Workshops:**
Workshops and panel discussions focus on volunteer and student recruitment, evaluation, networking of programs, uses of technology for mentoring and marketing. Two media panels will talk about “how media covers violence” and “how to get your story into the news”. Speakers include local media, tutor/mentor program leaders, college faculty, more. View the Attendee List on the conference web site to see who is attending, and to make plans to meet them. Scholarships are available for those who need them, Group rates are also available. Contact Tutor/Mentor Connection for more information.