

# FIVE TO THRIVE: 5 WAYS WE CAN HELP OUR MENTEES THRIVE

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### **GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER...**

- How many of you are new to the mentoring program?
- Type in the chat...Why did you decide to become a mentor?
- What's your superpower? Type it in the chat...





### HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG AMERICANS (18-24)

We have a lot to learn (**and DO!**) based on Gallup's World Poll & World Happiness Report 2024/2025 especially when it comes to the younger generation.

#### In summary:

- The U.S. ranks 62nd in the world for happiness among people under 30
- Happiness levels among American youth have fallen sharply over the past decade and a half. Youth are starting adulthood with well-being levels akin to "midlife crisis."
- Young women's well-being especially low (social pressures and safety concerns)
- Feelings of loneliness are almost twice as prevalent among Millennials as among those born before 1965.
- In the U.S., **53% increase** in people reporting they are **eating meals alone**...





### **REALITY OF OUR MENTEES**

Aside from the stats we just learned, let's talk about what's really going on with our mentees – **the realities of their world**. Let's put ourselves in their shoes for a moment...

- → Pressure from parents, friends, teachers, coaches, societal, "get a job"
- → Paying tuition, bills, working multiple jobs
- → Passing their classes, exams, getting good grades
- → Expected to know what they want to do in life with limited experiences
- → Fear of job market, job security, Al
- → Social media = "The Anxious Generation" (Buy the book: Jonathan Haidt)
- → Some say they lack soft skills, communication skills, and drive...
- → Many of them hold a lot of fear (fear of future, instability, lack of hope/faith, marriage, children)





# HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS.... WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!





### **THRIVE**



# 1. Mentorship starts with seeing the human....Humanize the relationship.

- Get to know each other
- Personal life family, upbringing, things they are proud of
- Passions
- What did you like to do in high school, as a kid?
- Why do you want to work?
- What lights you up?

- Builds trust & credibility
- Addresses Ioneliness component
- Feel seen, have someone they have to talk to









# 2. See Yourself as a COACH, not just a resume editor...

- We are a guide for them
- Help them to navigate (resources, beyond-the resume)
- Offer constructive feedback/support
- Help them overcome their limiting beliefs
- Share tips and tricks, real-world experiences

- You feel like you are making a bigger difference
- You'll know you are preparing them for realworld experiences





### **THRIVE**



# 3. Zoom In: Help them Narrow & Tailor their job search approach

- Job searching is deflating
- Meaningless job searches = more deflating
- Help them see the patterns (their passions, brands/products that mean something to them), what companies they can stand behind
- Suggest to put together a short list of companies to pursue

- Less overwhelm
- Deeper research about company, people, culture
- More meaningful conversations









### 4. Help them <u>craft their story</u>

- Help them own their unique story
- Practice articulating it
- Role play potential interactions for job fairs,
   making a new connection, cold outreach
- Leverage AI to help them with composing messages, finding companies or organizations that they may be interested in, how to articulate their story

- Builds confidence
- Helps to step out of comfort zone
- Building skills to influence, communicate





### **THRIVE**



# 5. Clarity comes through ACTION...Small steps creates big change

- Assure them that action helps them overcome their fears.
- Remind them of a time they were afraid and ask they how they overcame that situation
- Commit to 1-2 reasonable goals before next meeting
- We are here to help hold them accountable

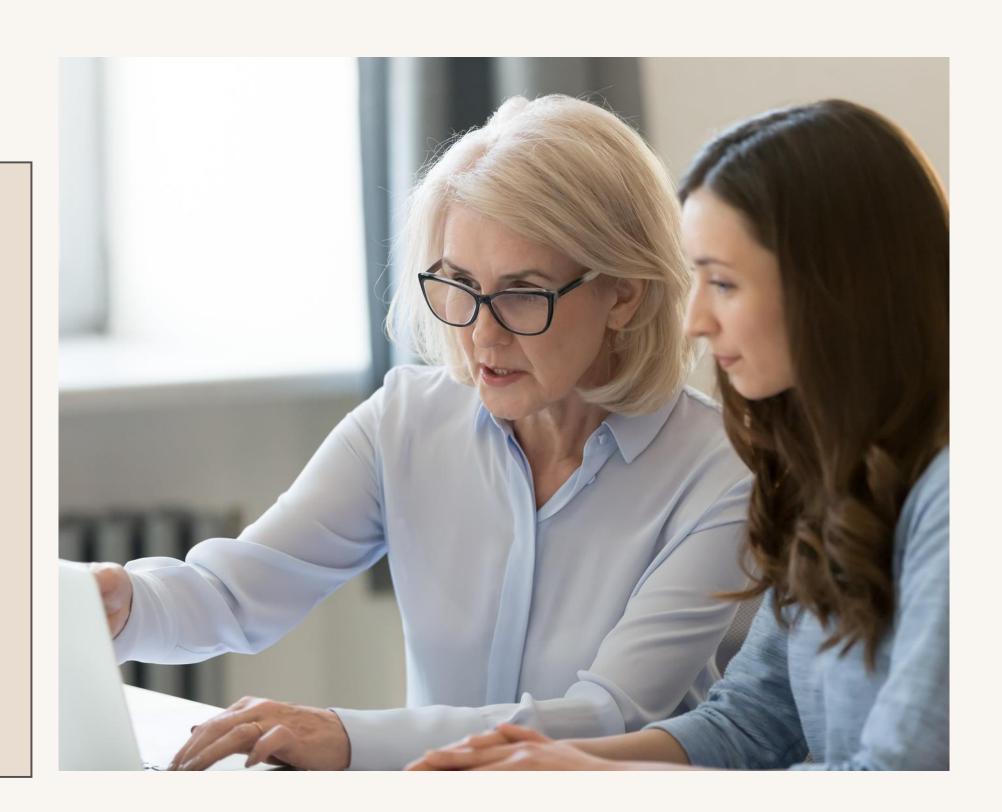
- Helps mentees overcome fear(s)
- Progress = Happiness
- Celebrate wins (big or small) and help them track their progress





### FIVE TO THRIVE SUMMARY

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- 2. See Yourself as a COACH, not just a resume editor...
- 3. Zoom In: Help them Narrow & Tailor their job search approach
- 4. Help them craft their story
- 5. Clarity comes through ACTION...Small steps creates big change

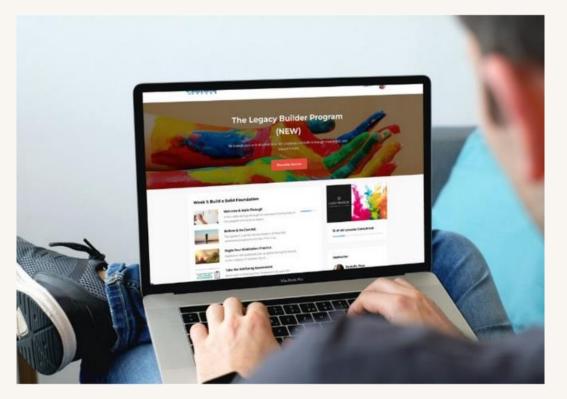




## My Learnings thus far as a Mentor & What this program has done for me personally...

- I'm a better person because of this program
- I know I'm making a difference
- Gives me purpose
- Helps me be a better Mom
- Seeing the world through a different set of eyes
- Encourages me to help her more, help others more!
- It's a big part of how I want to leave my legacy











### How I help others:

# Global Wellbeing Group www.globalwellbeinggroup.com

- Legacy Builder Program highly structured process to help professionals identify and pursue a career aligned to core values and impact.
- Lead workshops and keynotes for organizations, universities, and associations to improve well-being in your career and life
- Advisory Services to help measure & integrate wellbeing into an organization's culture

# Loopwell in Montclair, NJ www.loopwithus.com

Curate corporate team meetings, off-sites, and retreats - Loopwell is a first-of-its-kind social wellbeing club.



Q&A
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Let's talk about mentorship (your experiences)
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