



BENEFITS OF MENTORING

In Leadership Development and Career Progression

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Objectives

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- Introduce the DRJ Mentor Program, its key benefits, and why its critical to our profession.
- Discuss how mentoring enables one to better achieve personal and professional goals.
- Provoke thought and an interactive conversation about the benefits, as well as the challenges of being a mentor and/or mentee.
- Share ideas/successful practices for an optimal experience.

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Definitions

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- ► Mentee is someone who has identified a personal or profession goal and believes that the guidance and help of a mentor – and being held accountable – can help them achieve their goal.
- Mentor is someone who desires to share with a mentee information about his or her own career path, as well as provide insight, guidance, motivation, support, and role modeling.



Mentoring is an opportunity to develop a synergistic relationship through conversation that enables you to set and achieve goals, make decisions and solve problems.

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Mentor Requirements

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► How much experience do I need to be a mentor?

- At least 10 years industry experience to qualify
- Industry certification
- Active or retired business continuity professional with a minimum of 10 years validated experience
- ► Ability to commit 2-3 hours/month for each Mentee for the 10 month duration of the program
- ▶ Be able to attend DRJ Mentoring Program training live sessions or watch the recorded webinars
- ► If applicable, obtain your employer approval



Mentee Requirements

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► How do I know if I qualify as a Mentee?

- You have a desire to learn and improve your skills
- You have a basic knowledge of business continuity planning and currently serve in a business continuity role for a minimum of 12 months
- ➤ You have the ability to commit 2-3 hours per month for the 10 month duration of the program
- ▶ Be able to attend DRJ Mentoring Program training live sessions or watch the recorded webinars of the sessions
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Best Practices

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- Establish a relationship
- Build trust and maintain confidentiality
- ► Create/follow Mentoring Action Plan
- ► Meet consistently
- Mentee is responsible for driving schedule, agenda, and focus
- Solicit feedback and be supportive

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Meeting Framework

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Mentee

- What have I accomplished since our last meeting?
- What is the status of my action items?
- What are my new challenges, problems, and/or opportunities?
- ▶ What do I need to achieve today and work on before next meeting?

Mentor

- What promised action items have I accomplished?
- What is the status of my action items?
- What new ideas, insights or resources can I share?
- What feedback do I have for my mentee?



Key LearningsBenefits of Mentoring

- ► Most important step in the relationship is correctly pairing the Mentor and Mentee.
- ▶ Balance and flexibility is key due to work, family, and other life demands.
- Keeping an open mind builds a strong relationship that promotes idea sharing and discussion.
- Better understanding on navigating the industry and strategies to innovate.
- Solidify outcome goals, prior to committing.

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Mentorship can mean, look, and feel like a lot of different things... Finding the right path professionally requires a commitment and engagement in mentorship throughout your career.



Thank You

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