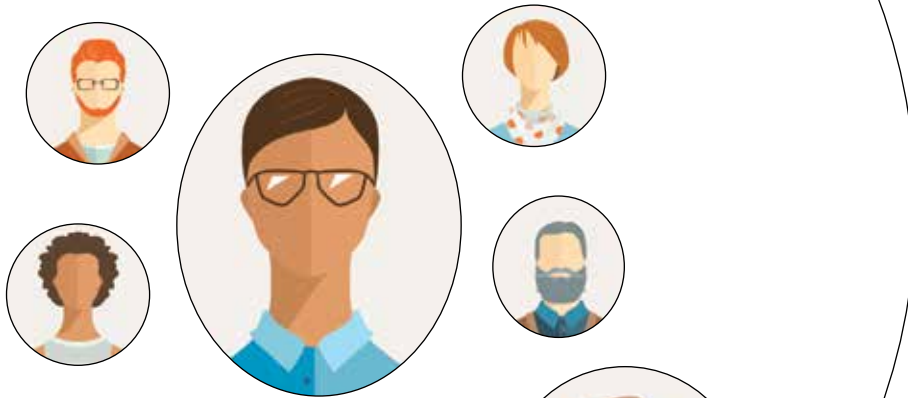


How Thread Works

The Baltimore organization aimed at helping struggling teenagers grow into successful adults is heavily dependent on volunteers and designed for sustainability. The goal is to offer high-school students easy access to a wide range of services, give volunteers support, and keep supervisors' workloads manageable.



FAMILY

Each student is encircled by up to 5 volunteer mentors.

HEAD OF FAMILY

One of the mentors is in charge of coordinating care for the student and coaching the other volunteers.



THREAD

8 families compose a "Thread." A volunteer "grandparent" supervises the heads of families in the thread.



SITE COORDINATOR

The grandparents at each of the three high schools where the charity operates report to this one paid supervisor.



RESOURCE TEAMS

The three sites are assisted by volunteers who are experts in fields like the legal system, housing, health care, education, and work-force development.

