

MentorKids

Olivia has been a part of the MentorKids Kentucky family for almost seven years. Academics have always been a struggle for her, so when Covid-19 carried over into her senior year, she panicked. Early on, Olivia had set a

longstanding goal of being the first in her immediate family to graduate high school and realized at the beginning of virtual learning that her goal was in great jeopardy. Her mentor tried to help but quickly found out that she was not equipped nor was her elderly grandmother, who has raised her most of her life.

Because MentorKids has such strong communications with our families, we knew that Olivia was not the only one at threat of failing academically. It was then that the Executive Director chose to bridge the educational gap facing the kids in the program. MentorKids opened its doors. The Executive Director suddenly was a teacher of all

subjects to up to ten socially distanced students, from seven different schools, each in different grades, on any

given day.

When this became an option, Olivia knew to accomplish her goal of graduating; she needed to attend. For the first several weeks, much time was spent catching up on missed assignments and learning material that she did not

understand. Putting in many hours at MentorKids, along with the hard work required to pass the classes needed to graduate, Olivia is finally back on track and will achieve that lifelong goal.

Academic excellence will always be a priority at MentorKids Kentucky. This is just one example of the many

different ways that this agency empowers the at-risk youth in our community, like Olivia.