

# Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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## Introduction

Dr. Susan G. Weinberger or "Dr. Mentor" as she is affectionately called in the field is a leading authority on the design, implementation and evaluation of quality mentoring programs.

She is the founder and president of the Mentor Consulting Group based in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Susan has been recognized for her expertise in establishing, maintaining, and evaluating youth and adult mentoring programs for schools, colleges, corporations and communities and school-to-work initiatives. The program she designed has been replicated throughout the United States, Bermuda and Canada.

In 1993, Susan traveled to the East Room of the White House to receive President Clinton's coveted Volunteer Action Award for her work in mentoring.

## Experience

Susan has over forty years of experience as a teacher, coordinator, consultant and director of mentoring programs.

She started her career as a Spanish teacher and went on as a coordinator for bilingual and special programs in Norwalk public schools. Susan also served as the director of public affairs and mentoring programs for Norwalk, Connecticut public schools for 15 years.

Susan is the former Chair of the Public Policy Council of MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership, and is the founding member of its Technical Assistance Corps. She is a consultant to the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, Labor, and Justice on their mentoring initiatives, as well as to many state-level government agencies involved in mentoring.

Susan's clients include Allstate Insurance Company, Save the Children Federation, Hollywood Education and Literacy Project, American Institute of Architects (AIA) and U.S. Dream Academy.

Susan is also the consultant to The Connecticut Mentoring Partnership, a program of the Governor's Prevention Partnership.

She is the author of several articles and publications on mentoring including: *The My Mentor and Me Series*, *Business Guide to Mentoring*, *Strengthening Native Community Commitment through Mentoring*, *The Mentor Handbook*, and *Mentoring a Movement: My Personal Journey*.

## Education

Susan received her B.S. in Modern Languages from Carnegie-Mellon University, her Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) in Elementary and Bilingual Education at Manhattanville College and a Doctor of education (Ed.D.) degree at the University of Bridgeport.

## Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Susan is a member of the Board of Trustees of Scholarship America and on the Board of Directors of the National Assembly of Health and Human Services and the New England Dollars for Scholars. She is also on the Mentors Inc. National Advisory Board. June 24, 2002 was declared Dr. Susan G. Weinberger Day in the City of Norwalk, Connecticut.