

**What is the Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative?**

Sioux 52 is a regional mentoring effort spearheaded by City of Sioux Falls Mayor Paul TenHaken and the [Rotary Club of Downtown Sioux Falls](#). It is a universal connection point for our community's mentoring efforts.

**Is Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative a Program? Organization?**

No, Sioux 52 was established to amplify and create a movement to fill a mentoring gap felt by well-established nonprofit organizations in the greater Sioux Falls area.

**Why is the Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative important?**

Sioux 52 is a universal, widespread, significant, and long-lasting commitment to mentoring in our area — asking individuals to give a little time to help make our community better, one relationship at a time. It is a way to put more people on the path to success through one-to-one or one-to-many relationships.

**As a business, how do we learn more about Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative?**

Three ways to learn more:

- Contact a [Downtown Sioux Falls Rotarian](#) or accept a call from a Rotarian or community leader as we reach out in the coming year to sign up 200 businesses to accept the pledge to create a **culture of mentoring** in their business
- Contact [211 Helpline Center](#) to learn about and become connected with approved local volunteer mentoring programs
- Visit [Sioux52.org](#)

**If my business joins the Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative is there any cost to my bottom line?**

No, there is no direct cost.

**As a business, what are the benefits?**

Three key benefits:

1. Engages employees, providing opportunities for skill building and improving retention
2. Develops a future talent pipeline by preparing young people for college and careers
3. Strengthens community understanding, one relationship at a time

**As a non-profit, how do we learn more about Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative?**

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**As an individual, how do I find a mentor?**

Contact [211 Helpline Center](#) to become connected with a vetted local volunteer mentoring program

**Is there any cost to find a mentor?**

No, there is no cost.

**Is the Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative only adult mentors mentoring youth?**

No, Sioux 52 connects businesses and mentors to youth, adults, families, and senior mentoring programs.

**How much time do I have to commit as a mentor?**

Since the Sioux 52 Mentoring Initiative is a universal connection point for all forms of mentoring, including students, at-risk youth, former inmates, small business owners, etc., the [211 Helpline Center](#) can connect prospective mentors to mentoring programs that can fit into most people's lives.