

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.