

Youth Mentoring Programs

AMMY (Adults Mentoring Minority Youth) - The AMMY program offers help to minority youth at risk. Mentors are role models who meet with students once a week for an hour to provide support to immigrant & refugee high school age students.

Children's Home Society of South Dakota - Volunteers at Sioux Falls Children's Home enhance our work in providing excellent service to our children. All volunteers who spend direct time with a child must be at least 21 years old. Children's Home Society serves children with moderate to severe emotional and behavioral needs. Being a Big Buddy provides a special opportunity to become a friend and mentor to a child. Big Buddies commit to one year visiting a CHS child typically on a weekly basis with a minimum of two times per month. Big Buddies also may act on a student's behalf in the educational decision-making process. If so, you may be asked to attend quarterly meetings and a mandatory yearly meeting on behalf of the child. School/Classroom Buddy/School/Classroom Buddies tutor children, provide help to teachers, and help straighten the library at Children's Home Loving School. This position has opportunities to "adopt" a classroom or work in different locations as needed, and may help mornings or afternoons.

Collision - Collision is a student-led ministry that builds teams of students who see their school as a mission field, and we equip them to share the hope of Jesus to transform lives. Time commitment for this program may vary.

EmBe- Girls on the Run - Girls on the Run is a transformational physical activity-based, positive youth development program for girls in 3rd-5th grades. Girls on the Run inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident by using fun, experience-based curriculum that teaches life skills through interactive lessons and running games. Time commitment for this program may vary.

First Tee - South Dakota created, along with local community support a Homework and Hitting program in Sioux Falls. The programs will be conducted at the Salvation Army in their youth center and operate in the spring and fall. The first 35 minutes are focused on providing caring coaches and mentors who engage the kids in reading and math exercises. The second 35 minutes will allow the kids an opportunity to enhance their life skills and golf skills. The remaining time will be used to address food insecurities by ensuring that every kid will go home with a full stomach and healthy snacks. In the summer, mentors/volunteers assist the coaches with the First Tee summer program.

Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons - Guiding girls through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, including our four pillars of Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, STEM and Outdoor. Girls, Grades K –

12. Mentors will be asked to help at least one hour per a month.

Junior Achievement of South Dakota - JA volunteer mentors go into classrooms and use the JA pre-developed curriculum to teach students about careers, money, and business ownership while weaving in their own personal life and business experiences. Individuals will volunteer once a week for a month. Grades K-12.

LSS Community Mentoring - Community based mentoring for children ages 7-14 in the Sioux Falls area. Community mentors meet with youth approximately 4 hours per month and can enjoy a variety of fun activities in the area. This program is ideal for volunteers needing flexible meeting opportunities.

LSS In School Mentoring - LSS In School Mentoring volunteers spend one hour per week with an elementary or middle school student at the school. LSS is in partnership with all public-school districts in Lincoln and Minnehaha Counties, Grades PreK to 8.

LSS High School Mentoring- Mentoring program especially for high school students. Mentors meet with a student in or outside of school. Matches commit to 4 years of meeting 4 hours per month. Matches focus on college and career planning, community service and relationship development. Grades 9-12.

McCrossan Boys Ranch – McCrossan Boys Ranch is an organization that reaches out to troubled boys between the ages of 9 to 20 years old who have experienced conflict in their lives. The boys live on-site. Mentorship would involve weekly phone calls and on-site visits occasionally throughout the month. Mentors need to be at least 25 years old.

REACH Literacy - Bee A Reading Buddy - REACH Literacy - Bee a Reader - Help students discover that reading is their superpower! This program pairs second-grade students with adult mentors for virtual story time. Groups read for 30 minutes once a week (45 minutes total time commitment) at a pre-selected time during the school day for 10 weeks. As you talk, read, and bond over books, you help students build confidence and instill a positive attitude about reading. Books are the breakfast of champions! (Applications accepted Dec-Feb, program runs Feb-May)

Sioux Falls Young Life - Young Life is caring adults who enter the world of kids, building transformational relationships of life, grounded in Christ. We go where middle and high schoolers are (most often schools!), mentoring and encouraging, being present and supportive. We share life and Jesus in relationships, bible studies, camps, and more. Time commitment for this program may vary.

South Dakota Voices of Peace - South Dakota Voices for Peace builds power and enables healing in immigrant, refugee, and Muslim communities. The organization provides free legal services to children in immigration court, promotes community outreach initiatives that focus on health equity

issues, and provides education to encourage communities to be civically engaged. Mentoring with SDVP will involve working with marginalized communities. Mentors will help immigrants and minorities work through the various challenges they face day to day.

Mentors will assist with providing Medicaid information and with connecting mentees to resources for essential services. Time commitment will vary. Mentors will also have the opportunity to help with various outreach events.

TeamMates Mentoring of Sioux Falls - TeamMates Mentoring is an in-school, strengths based mentoring program for youth in grades 3-12 that focuses on creating lasting friendships between students and safe, caring adults. Matches meet once a week for 30-45 minutes during the academic school year to play games, do crafts, or just talk. *Whenever possible, mentors make a commitment to stay matched with their young person and remain a caring, consistent presence in their lives until they graduate high school.* Upon graduation, vested mentees are eligible for scholarships to help with post- secondary education.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas – Kidz Count - Afterschool academic, social, and recreational programming for K-5th grade students who attend Terry Redlin Elementary. Mentors will meet with students once a week for an hour.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas – Youth Center - Academic, social, recreational afterschool program for students ages 5-14. Time commitment for this program may vary.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas – Axis180 - Housing and case management supports to young adults experiencing homelessness so they may live independently. Young adults between 16-21 years old. Time commitment for this program may vary.

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