

everyday Heroes

A Mentor for Every Student

what is the program?

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota coordinates mentoring services in partnership with 11 Sioux Falls area public school districts. It is a partner program of the Sioux Empire United Way. The mission of LSS Mentoring Services: empower youth to succeed by establishing trusting relationships with adult volunteers. LSS recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteer mentors who meet with **one student one hour per week** during the school day at school.

how do I apply?



Complete an application at Mentoring.LssSD.org



LSS will process your application and complete background checks.



Participate in an in-person new mentor orientation session.



The school counselor will match you with a student.



Meet with your student one hour per week at school.

how does it work?

After the application process, it is not quite as easy as slipping on a mask and becoming a hero. **The best mentors are consistent** and take mentoring as an opportunity to help a child grow – and also grow themselves. Mentors and students typically meet over the lunch hour and do a variety of activities, including playing a board game, creating an art project or simply eating lunch and talking. LSS requires that volunteers commit to mentoring at least one school year.

Most of our matches last more than three years and there are many mentors that have been volunteering for more than 10 years – some with the same student for the whole time!

why does it matter?

Along with changes in your student's (and your) life, **mentoring works**. Youth with mentors are **LESS** likely to:

46%

Begin using illegal drugs

27%

Drink alcohol

52%

Skip school

32%

Hit someone

37%

Lie to a parent

You have the power to make a difference.
Be an everyday hero.
Apply online at EverydayHeroSF.com

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