

January: National Mentoring Month



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- to teach or give advice or guidance to (someone, such as a less experienced person or a child)
- A trusted counselor or guide
- Tutor, coach

In Yankton County...

- There are 11.20% of children who live in single-parent households, who may not have a positive role model to look up to.

That's Why We Partner With...

- Big Friend—Little Friend*, providing youth with a mentor who is able to provide support, guidance and friendship—thereby helping youth become confident, competent and caring individuals. Last year, 47 youth were provided with 3,560 hours of mentoring.
- Girls on the Run*—volunteer coaches strive to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living.
- Boys & Girls Club of Yankton*—provides school based and social mentoring to youth in afterschool programming.



Be Someone Who Matters to Someone Who Matters

Why does mentoring play an important part in the lives of youth?

There are three main points on which to focus:

- How mentoring positively affects *youth*:
 - 55% of youth were more likely to be enrolled in college.
- How mentoring positively affects *the mentor*:
 - the mentor learns about him or herself from the youth.
- How mentoring positively affect *our community*:
 - Statistics show that youth with a mentor are 78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities. Mentoring helps reduce the number of youth disconnected from school and work, leading to more productive and prosperous communities.



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