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# GENERAL RESOURCES

## SD DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

DHS will enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities, in partnership with its stakeholders.  
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### GET CONNECTED TO:

#### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Works to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have equal opportunities and receive the services and supports they need to live and work in SD communities.

#### REHABILITATION SERVICES

Assists individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, economic self-sufficiency, personal independence and full inclusion into society.

#### GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM

Provides court appointed guardianship or conservatorship services or by providing financial assistance to families or others in obtaining guardianship or conservatorship of an adult with a developmental disability.

#### SD DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Provides individualized treatment services and supports to people with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviors only when needed services are not available in a community setting.

## SD DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Strengthens and supports individuals and families by promoting cost effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families.  
[dss.sd.gov](http://dss.sd.gov)

### GET CONNECTED TO:

- Aging & Disability Resource Connections
- Behavioral Health Services
- Community Behavioral Health Services
- Community Mental Health Centers
- Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)
- Human Services Center
- Medical Eligibility

## SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Works to promote, protect and improve the health and well-being of all South Dakotans through services, immunizations and health-related programs as well as information about prevention and healthy living, diseases and conditions, healthcare providers.  
[doh.sd.gov](http://doh.sd.gov) | 1-800-738-2301

### GET CONNECTED TO:

- Women, Infants & Children (WIC)
- Family & Child Development
- Healthcare Providers
- Health KiCC

## SD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dedicated to enhancing learning through leadership and service.  
[doe.sd.gov](http://doe.sd.gov) | 1-605-773-3134

### GET CONNECTED TO:

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Provides leadership, support, and accountability of early intervention and special education and related services to children and youth with disabilities age birth to 21.

## SD ADVOCACY SERVICES

Protects and advocates for the rights of South Dakotans with disabilities through legal, administrative, and other remedies.  
[sdadvocacy.com](http://sdadvocacy.com) | 1-800-658-4782

## USD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CENTER FOR DISABILITIES

Works with others to create opportunities that enhance the lives of people with disabilities and their families through training, services, information, research and community education.  
[usd.edu/cd/](http://usd.edu/cd/) | 1-800-658-3080

### GET CONNECTED TO:

- Developmental Disabilities Network
- Family Information
- Programs and Services

## SD COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Assists people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire.  
[dhs.sd.gov/ddc/](http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc/) | 1-800-265-9684

The Lifespan Folder information is available in alternative formats (Braille, CD-ROM, large print, etc.) upon request. Please contact DHS directly at [katherine.munson@state.sd.us](mailto:katherine.munson@state.sd.us) for additional information on accessing these formats.



# SUPPORTING REAL LIVES ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

CONNECTING TO RESOURCES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS (NAMI)**  
A non-profit organization dedicated to carrying out the mission to improve the lives of persons affected by mental illness.  
[namiouthdakota.org](http://namiouthdakota.org) | 1-800-551-2531

**THE ARC**  
Promotes and protects the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.  
[thearc.org](http://thearc.org) | 1-800-433-5255

**BRAIN INJURY ALLIANCE OF SD**  
Locates services, supports, and agencies that can assist survivors of brain injury and their families in meeting their needs and reaching their goals.  
[braininjury.sd.gov](http://braininjury.sd.gov)

**NATIVE AMERICAN ADVOCACY PROJECT COALITION OF CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES**  
Advocate for the full inclusion of all individuals with disabilities, whatever their age, in all aspects of society.  
[naaplakota.org](http://naaplakota.org) | 1-605-842-3977

**SD GUARDIANSHIP**  
Provides lifetime personal and financial protection to adults with disabilities.  
[sdguardians.com](http://sdguardians.com) | 1-866-228-9119

**NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY**  
The national advocate for the value, acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome.  
[ndss.org](http://ndss.org) | 1-800-221-4602

**SD COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**  
Assists people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire.  
[dhs.sd.gov/ddc/](http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc/) | 1-800-265-9684

**SD ADVOCACY SERVICES**  
Protects and advocates for the rights of South Dakotans with disabilities through legal, administrative, and other remedies.  
[sdadvocacy.com](http://sdadvocacy.com) | 1-800-658-4782

**SD ADVOCATES FOR CHANGE**  
Ensures that self-advocates live in, and are a part of their community, with the support to have a full life.  
[dhs.sd.gov/ddc/SDAChange.aspx](http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc/SDAChange.aspx) | 1-800-265-9684

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND**  
Removes barriers, creates solutions, and expands possibilities so people with vision loss can achieve their full potential.  
[afb.org](http://afb.org) | 1-800-232-5463 (1-800-AFB-LINE)

**SD SERVICE TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
Provides individualized rehabilitation services in employment and independent living for citizens who are blind or visually impaired.  
[dhs.sd.gov/sbv/](http://dhs.sd.gov/sbv/) | 1-800-265-9684

**SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED**  
Prepares students to step forward with confidence and a vision of lifetime success.  
1-888-275-3814

**USD SCHOOL OF MEDICINE CENTER FOR DISABILITIES**  
Conducts academic training, community services, information dissemination, and research and evaluation. See back page for more information.  
[usd.edu/cd/](http://usd.edu/cd/) | 1-800-658-3080

**SD PARENT CONNECTION**  
Connects families of children (birth-26) with disabilities or special health care needs to information, training and resources in an environment of support, hope and respect.  
[sdparent.org](http://sdparent.org) | 1-800-640-4553

**DAKOTALINK**  
Provide equipment and/or services to individuals with varying needs of all ages in and around South Dakota.  
[dakotalink.net](http://dakotalink.net) | 1-800-645-0673

**SD SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF**  
Provides a specialist in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children as a member of the educational team to families and local schools.  
[sdsd.sdboredu](http://sdsd.sdboredu) | 1-605-367-5200

**SD DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
DHS will enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities, in partnership with its stakeholders. See back page for more information.  
[dhs.sd.gov/dd/family/](http://dhs.sd.gov/dd/family/) | 1-800-265-9684

**FAMILY SUPPORT 360**  
Broadens opportunities for people with developmental disabilities across the lifespan.  
[dhs.sd.gov/dd/family/](http://dhs.sd.gov/dd/family/) | 1-800-265-9684

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES**  
Inspired by God's love, LSS cares for, supports and strengthens individuals, families and communities.  
[lsssd.org](http://lsssd.org) | 1-800-568-2401

**211 HELPLINE CENTER**  
Connects individuals to resources and support, providing child care referrals, providing local agencies volunteers, and offering hope to individuals with thoughts of suicide.  
[helpinecenter.org](http://helpinecenter.org) | Dial 2-1-1 on your phone

**COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE DEAF**  
Advocates for and creates access to essential programs and services that make the world more equal for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.  
[c-s-d.org](http://c-s-d.org) | 1-800-642-6410

## HEALTHY LIVING

### SD MEDICAID

Provides assistance to those who qualify for Medicaid by providing health insurance and paying for medical services such as visits to the doctor, hospital, dentist, chiropractor and more. [dss.sd.gov/offices](https://dss.sd.gov/offices) | 1-605-773-4678

### SD DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Works to promote, protect and improve the health and well-being of all South Dakotans through services, immunizations and health-related programs as well as information about prevention and healthy living, diseases and conditions, healthcare providers. See back page for more information. [doh.sd.gov](https://doh.sd.gov) | 1-800-738-2301

### HEALTH KICC

Provides financial assistance for medical appointments, procedures, treatments, medications and travel reimbursement for children with certain chronic health conditions. [doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/health-kicc.aspx](https://doh.sd.gov/family/childhood/health-kicc.aspx) 1-800-305-3064

### AVERA HOSPITALS

Regional partnership of health professionals sharing support services to maintain excellent care at 300 locations in eastern South Dakota and surrounding states. [avera.org](https://avera.org) | 1-605-322-4700

### SANFORD HOSPITALS

Health system providing patients across the region with convenient access to expert medical care, leading-edge technologies and world-class facilities. [sanfordhealth.org](https://sanfordhealth.org) | 1-800-437-4010

### RAPID CITY REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Provides and supports health care excellence in partnership with the communities served. [regionalhealth.com](https://regionalhealth.com) | 1-800-232-9287

### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

Provides total quality medical care for Native American people and the economically disadvantaged. [sduih.org](https://sduih.org) | 1-888-214-3444

### CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO

Advocates on behalf of children's health and well-being, committed to restoring sick and injured children to health and preserving their well-being. [childrenscolorado.org](https://childrenscolorado.org) | 1-800-624-6553

### SHRINERS HOSPITAL

Provides the highest quality care to children through research in a patient- and family-centered environment. [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](https://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

### CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS (CHIP)

Program for children under the age 19 that provides quality health care (including regular check-ups, Well-Child Care exams, dental and vision care) for children and youth. [dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/chip/](https://dss.sd.gov/medicalservices/chip/) | 1-605-773-4678

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION OF DAKOTAS

Works with community leaders to find solutions to health care access for vulnerable populations and high need areas. [communityhealthcare.net](https://communityhealthcare.net) | 1-605-357-1515

### SD DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Non-profit membership organization of dentists and dental specialists that promotes oral health and educates the public on the benefits of quality preventive and restorative dentistry. [sddental.org](https://sddental.org) | 1-605-224-9133

### DELTA DENTAL

Non-profit dental service corporation that administers and underwrites easy-to-use, cost-effective dental plans for employers and individuals. [deltadentalsd.com](https://deltadentalsd.com) | 1-877-841-1478

## SAFETY & SECURITY

### 211 HELPLINE CENTER

Connects individuals to resources and support, providing child care referrals, providing local agencies volunteers, and offering hope to individuals with thoughts of suicide. [helplinecenter.org](https://helplinecenter.org) | 1-800-273-8255

### CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Provides a number of services to support families and children in South Dakota and committed to working together with families in difficult situations. Training programs are available to parents who want to improve their parenting skills and other resources. As well as training and resources for foster and adoptive parents to ensure well-being and safety for children. [dss.sd.gov/cps/](https://dss.sd.gov/cps/) | 1-605-773-3227

## COMMUNITY LIVING

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROVIDERS

Support individuals as they find their unique purpose. With a clear purpose, individuals find their natural passion unleashed and multiplied. Community Support Providers of South Dakota (CSP of SD) works with its member agencies to provide leadership in assuring quality community services and support for citizens with disabilities. [cspofsd.com/](https://cspofsd.com/) | 1-800-773-3438 [dhs.sd.gov/dd/csplist.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/dd/csplist.aspx)

### STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

Statewide council of Centers for Independent Living (CILs), which provide assistance and information to individuals with disabilities. [dhs.sd.gov/drs/silc/silc.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/drs/silc/silc.aspx) | 1-800-210-0143

### SD HOUSING

Provides affordable housing opportunities and partners with others to achieve the vision of affordable housing through integrity, financial responsibility, innovation and sustainability. [sihda.org](https://sihda.org) | 1-605-773-3181

### INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

Information and referral services, independent living skills training, peer counseling services, individual and systems advocacy, and housing related services. [dhs.sd.gov/drs/il/il.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/drs/il/il.aspx)

## DAILY LIFE & EMPLOYMENT

### SD DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Strengthens and supports individuals and families by promoting cost effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families. See back page for more information. [dss.sd.gov](https://dss.sd.gov) | 1-605-773-3165

### CHILD CARE SERVICES

Provides assistance to low income families who need help with child care costs while parents work or attend school. [dss.sd.gov/childcare/](https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/) | 1-800-227-3020

### EDUCATION

#### BIRTH TO THREE

Provides early intervention services, at no cost, for children from birth to age three, who have a disability or a developmental delay. [doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/oess/Birthto3.aspx) | 1-800-305-3064

### SD DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Provides leadership, support, and accountability of early intervention and special education and related services to children and youth with disabilities age birth to 21. [doe.sd.gov/oess/sped.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/oess/sped.aspx) | 1-605-773-3678

### SD HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Supports the work of programs and their partners through education, advocacy, training, networking, and strengthening quality early childhood education and services to families. [sdheadstart.org](https://sdheadstart.org) | 1-605-224-4161

### TRANSITION SERVICES LIAISON PROJECT (TSLP)

Supports students with disabilities to reach their maximum potential in their transition from high school to the adult world. [tslp.org](https://tslp.org) | 1-800-224-5336

### EMPLOYMENT

### SD DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

State agency offering employment services, oversees labor and unemployment in the state. [dlr.sd.gov](https://dlr.sd.gov) | 1-605-773-3101

### SD BENEFITS SPECIALIST NETWORK

Assists SSI and SSDI beneficiaries in understanding how part-time, full-time, or seasonal work affects disability and other federal, state, and local benefits. [bhssc.org/content/programs/sdBenefits.htm](https://bhssc.org/content/programs/sdBenefits.htm) 1-800-224-5336

### SD DIVISION OF DRIVER LICENSING

Information about federal requirements that list the documents required to obtain or renew your driver license or identification card, which is needed for employment. [dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver\\_licensing/obtain\\_a\\_license.aspx](https://dps.sd.gov/licensing/driver_licensing/obtain_a_license.aspx) 1-800-952-3696

### SOCIAL SECURITY INFORMATION

Delivers Social Security services that meet the changing needs of the public. [ssa.gov](https://ssa.gov) | 1-800-772-1213 | TTY 1-800-325-0778

### CONSORTIA OF ADMINISTRATORS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN REHABILITATION

Offers grants to pay the costs of providing vocational rehabilitation (VR) services for American Indians who are individuals with disabilities residing on or near reservations. [canar.org/tribal-vr-programs?sid=94:South-Dakota](https://canar.org/tribal-vr-programs?sid=94:South-Dakota) Lower Brule: 1-605-473-5244 Cheyenne River: 1-605-964-4400 Ogala Lakota: 1-605-867-2798

### PROJECT SKILLS

A paid work experience program for high school students with disabilities that is a cooperative arrangement between the state vocational rehabilitation agencies and the local school districts. [dhs.sd.gov/drs/projectskills/](https://dhs.sd.gov/drs/projectskills/) | 1-605-773-3195

### PROJECT SEARCH

Unique, business led, one year school-to-work High School Transition Program that takes place entirely at the workplace. [projectsearch.us](https://projectsearch.us) | 1-800-224-5336

### SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT

Connects individuals with disabilities to supported employment services such as job placement, job coaching, and follow-along services. [dhs.sd.gov/drs/sep/sep-faq2.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/drs/sep/sep-faq2.aspx) | 1-605-773-3195

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Provides individualized vocational rehabilitation and supportive services to assist eligible individuals with disabilities to get and keep jobs compatible with their skills and abilities. [dhs.sd.gov/drs/vocrehab/vr.aspx](https://dhs.sd.gov/drs/vocrehab/vr.aspx) | 1-605-773-3195

### BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK

Provides businesses within the local labor market with educational opportunities, greater awareness of hiring persons with disabilities and resources regarding employment opportunities and worksite modifications. [sfbrn.org](https://sfbrn.org) | 1-605-367-5260

### WORKFORCE DIVERSITY NETWORK OF THE BLACK HILLS (WDBNH)

A team of business and human resource individuals who serve to link employers and individuals with disabilities to diversify the workforce. [workforcediversitynetworkbh.org](https://workforcediversitynetworkbh.org) | 1-605-787-2590

### SD DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Aims to improve the education, training, and employment opportunities and outcomes of young adults, ages 18-24, with disabilities who are unemployed, underemployed, and/or receiving Social Security disability benefits. [sddei.org](https://sddei.org)