



## DDC NOTES – DECEMBER 2017

**DD Council** – The Council met in October and approved funding for Year 26 of Partners in Policymaking and Year 20 of the Youth Leadership Forum. Also approved was continuation of the SD Advocates for Change team and activities. Now I am working on the Council's Annual Report for FFY 2017. The Council will be looking to fill one position for a parent or guardian of an adult with an intellectual or developmental disability that resides or previously resided at the Developmental Center. Look for the application on the Council's website in February.

**NEW MEMBERS WANTED - Family Support Council** – The Family Support Council is looking for members to represent Native American families with children over age 21 or under age 21 as well as another parent to represent a person with an intellectual or developmental disability over age 21. Applicants must be parents of children or adults receiving services through a Family Support 360 program.

### COMING SOON!!!

**South Dakota's Legislative Session** begins on January 9, 2018. The Governor's Budget address is on December 5, 2017. Your voice is important if legislators are to understand the impact of their votes on you, your family and your community. Your personal story is powerful and may make all the difference when a final vote is taken.

**How can you stay informed?** Attend legislative cracker barrels or coffees held in your home community. Refer to local media, or visit [www.sdparent.org](http://www.sdparent.org) or [www.sd-ccd.org](http://www.sd-ccd.org) for information on these public events.

Sign up for free legislative updates from South Dakota COALITION of Citizens with Disabilities. Please contact Shelly Pfaff at 605-945-2207, 1-800-210-0143 or [shellyp@sd-ccd.org](mailto:shellyp@sd-ccd.org) to sign up for these free e-updates.

Track bills of interest, listen to committee meetings, receive email alerts and more at Legislative Research Council.

<http://sdlegislature.gov/>

**How do you reach out to your legislators?** Contact legislators by email, phone, fax, letter or in-person. The SD Legislative Research Council (LRC) website lists complete contact information for every legislator and allows you to directly email them from the site:

Phone messages can be left for Senators (605-773-3821) and Representatives (605-773-3851) at the Capitol.

To identify your Legislators, visit the Legislative Research Council's **Find My Legislator** page.

[http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislators/Who\\_Are\\_My\\_Legislators/default.aspx?CurrentSession=True](http://sdlegislature.gov/Legislators/Who_Are_My_Legislators/default.aspx?CurrentSession=True)

**FIND the Council's webpages here.** Check it out here - <http://dhs.sd.gov/>

The Council is now listed under resources - <http://dhs.sd.gov/councilondevelopmentaldisabilities.aspx>

### Radio Novella: A New Beginning for Ana and Her Family

The Waisman Center of the University of Wisconsin, Madison features a pre-recorded radio series entitled, *Un Nuevo Amanecer Para Ana Y Su Familia* (in English, A New Beginning for Ana and her Family). The story centers on the Chavez family and their journey raising Ana, a child with cerebral palsy. The story spans 13 episodes and is told as a radio soap opera. The series depicts a Latino family caring for a child with a developmental disability through the life course and addresses many themes including advocacy, the rights of children with disabilities, and stigma. The audio was recorded in Spanish and the transcripts are available in English and Spanish. Follow this link for the novella website:

<http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/familysupport360/novela.php>

**Looking for transition resources?** Check out these resources from the Center on Technology and Disability (CTD) library. [www.ctdinstitute.org](http://www.ctdinstitute.org) Some resources include: Involving Teens and Young Adults in Selecting Assistive Technology; an article entitled: Getting Started: Managing Time and Staying Focused in College with the Help of Assistive Technology. And live or recorded webinars such as Handheld Technology Supports and Transition to Employment.

***The Best and Worst States for Mental Health: Massachusetts, South Dakota, Minnesota are Top 3; Nevada, Mississippi, Arizona are Lowest Ranked***

Annual Mental Health America's State of Mental Health report <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/tags/state-mental-health>

**University of Washington Healthy Aging Rehabilitation Research Training Center (RRTC) has released a fact sheet entitled "How to Sleep Better."**

[http://agerrtc.washington.edu/sites/agerrtc/files/files/Aging\\_Sleep\\_2015.pdf](http://agerrtc.washington.edu/sites/agerrtc/files/files/Aging_Sleep_2015.pdf)

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**UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS**

Jan 9, 2018	Pierre – Legislative Session Begins
Jan 12, 2018	DDN Sites – DD Council Quarterly Meeting
Jan 23-24, 2018	Sioux Falls – VR Employment Specialist Trainings – Part 1, Overview of Supported Employment
Jan 24-25, 2018	Rapid City – 2-Day Person-Centered Thinking Training
Jan 24-25, 2018	Fort Pierre – 2 Day Person-Centered Thinking Training
Jan 30-31, 2018	Rapid City – VR Employment Specialist Trainings – Part 1, Overview of Supported Employment
Feb 14, 2018	Pierre – Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol
Feb 27-28, 2018	Sioux Falls – VR Employment Specialist Training – Part 2, Discovery and Assessment
Mar 7-8, 2018	Rapid City – VR Employment Specialist Training – Part 2, Discovery and Assessment
Mar 13-14, 2018	Sioux Falls – State Special Education Conference
Mar 22, 2018	Spearsfish – Catch the Wave
Mar 23, 2018	Rapid City – New Paradigms in Mental Healthcare
Mar 27, 2018	Mitchell – Catch the Wave
Apr 3-4, 2018	Sioux Falls – VR Employment Specialist Training – Part 3, Job Training and Supports
Apr 10, 2018	Vermillion – Catch the Wave
Apr 11, 2018	Aberdeen – Catch the Wave
Apr 18, 2018	Watertown – Catch the Wave
Apr 24-25, 2018	Rapid City – VR Employment Specialist Training – Part 3, Job Training and Supports
Apr 27, 2018	Sioux Falls – DD Council Quarterly Meeting
Apr 27-28, 2018	Sioux Falls – Family Childcare Providers Annual Conference
Sept 18-19, 2018	Chamberlain/Oacoma – South Dakota Gathering (Person Centered Thinking)
Oct 9-11, 2018	Aberdeen – Fall Rehab Conference
Oct 21-23, 2018	Sioux Falls – Center for Disabilities' Symposium & JAM

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\* FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for People with Developmental Disabilities and Their Families** –The Council has set-aside funding for *BOTH in-state and OUT-OF-STATE travel assistance for the upcoming fiscal year*. A limited amount of funds are available. Guidelines and application forms can be requested from the Council Office or found at the Council's web site.