



DDC NOTES – DECEMBER 2018

DD Council – The Council met on October 18-19 in Rapid City. The Council was excited to receive 27 Concept Briefs as a result of the Call for New Initiatives. Nine competitive grant presentations were given along with three non-competitive grant presentations. Continued funding was approved for Partners in Policymaking Year 27, SD Advocates for Change and Outreach and Support for the DD Council in 2019.

New projects receiving funding include:

- Black Hills Special Services Cooperative – Bright Beginnings Engaging Families
- SESDAC – Continuity of Care through DSP Retention and Satisfaction
- Mid-Dakota Shared Living LLC – Central SD Shared Living Specialist
- Black Hills Works – Shared Living Program
- Special Olympics South Dakota – Unified Champion Schools
- Volunteers of America-Dakotas – Employee Success Coach
- Ability Building Services – Workforce Development.

Looking for New Council Members – The DD Council will have one opening for a parent or guardian of a child with an intellectual or developmental disability. Applications are enclosed or can be found on the Council's website – www.dhs.sd.gov/cdd

HelpLine Center - It offers more than just resources – they have Helpsheets and calendars too!! Take a look!



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Direct: 605.274.1421 | Crisis Line: 800.273.8255 |
Dial 211
Web: helplinecenter.org

[Helpsheets](#) – Quick, information documents covering topics ranging from bed bugs to how to help a loved one in a mental health crisis. We are continuing to produce more of these on requested topics!

www.helplinecenter.org/professionals - A page devoted to you! Includes videos re. searching for resources (and even how to translate them!), how to update directly through our online database and more!

[Connections Calendars](#) – Listing events such as school supply giveaways, job fairs and more. Also, there is a calendar devoted to listing professional training opportunities across the state.

ABLE Case Summary Series: ABLE Accounts Compared to Special Needs Trusts

The ABLE National Resource Center (ANRC) has a series of "ABLE Case Summaries" that articulate and illustrate ways to benefit from an ABLE account that complement continued eligibility for selected public benefits and programs and/or use of special needs trusts. The purpose of the series is to help ABLE-related stakeholders, including current and future account holders, better understand the possibilities of an ABLE account complementing other strategies to improve health, independence and quality of life. <http://ablenrc.org/resources/able-case-summary-series>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

- Jan 8, 2019 **Pierre**, Legislative Session Begins
- Jan 15 **Online or Sioux Falls**, Lunch and Learn Series – Graduation Requirements passed in 2018: What You Need to Know Join in person at SDPC Office or live online at <https://sdparent.adobeconnect.com/sdparentconnection/>
- Feb 13-14 **Pierre**, 2-Day Person Centered Thinking
This training consists of two days of exercises in which the participants learn how to use seven person centered thinking tools and acquire five basic person centered thinking skills. Participants receive instruction and practice in using the processes and structures to develop plans that support choice while addressing issues of health and safety. Some of the skills discussed during the training are: the importance of being listened to and the effects of having no positive control; the importance of understanding a person’s daily rituals and routines; how to discover what is important to and sort what is important for people and to respectfully address significant issues of health or safety while supporting choice.
Please use the link to register <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X2XF3WC>
- Mar 19-20 **Deadwood**, State Special Education Conference
<https://www.usd.edu/medicine/center-for-disabilities/sd-special-education-conference>
- Apr 2, 9, 16 **Sisseton**, Serving on Groups That Make Decisions: A Workshop for Families
Gain strategies and build understanding to help you confidently and actively participate in a decision-making group. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-640-4553 or 605-361-3171.
<http://www.sdparent.org/web/index.php?siteid=2825>
- Apr 4-6 **Pierre**, SD Early Childhood Education Conference
<http://sdececonference-org.doodlekit.com/>
- Apr 26-27 **Watertown**, Family Childcare Providers Conference, Watertown
<https://fccpsd.org/>
- June 13-14 **Sioux Falls**, Lighting the Way Autism Conference
<http://www.augie.edu/lighting-way>
- June 15 **Sioux Falls**, Lighting the Way Autism Walk
- Sept 15-17 **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.

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