



## DDC NOTES – JULY 2018

**DD Council** – The Council met in July and issued Requests for Proposals for Partners in Policymaking, Youth Leadership Forum 2019, SD Advocates for Change, Public Information and Awareness, Outreach and Support for DD Council and Education and Training Mini-Grants. More information will be on the Council's website soon.

**PARTNERS IN POLICYMAKING** – Applications are due by September 20, 2018 <https://drsdlaw.org/>

### **VOTING SURVEY – SD Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities**

Through a grant from Disability Rights South Dakota, we are carrying out some educational activities between now and the November General Election designed to encourage voters with disabilities to be involved in the process and vote. An initial step is to try and find out if people voted in the 2016 General Election, and if not, why not. The survey should only take a few minutes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YourVoteMattersSD>

If you need assistance in completing it, or would like a paper copy please call 605-945-2207. There are five questions – one is on the back of the page.

### **New Blog about sexual assault and people with disabilities from NO MORE**

I wanted to share this short blog with you co-written by James Meadours about the importance of people with disabilities and allies working together on issues we care deeply about. Please read if you have a minute, and share... <https://nomore.org/two-advocates-talk-about-the-sexual-assault-epidemic-affecting-people-with-disabilities-how-we-can-all-help/#.Wzv1Sos-ABo.facebook>

### **Participate in study on Sexual and Reproductive Health Care for Women with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities**

Brandeis University is seeking family caregivers of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities to complete an online survey. The goal of the survey is to understand the perspectives and experiences of family caregivers about sexual and reproductive health care for women with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Family caregivers are people who provide care for or help in some way a family member with an intellectual or developmental disability. The survey is available at [https://brandeis.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_71A8IRvcXqdQMKx](https://brandeis.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71A8IRvcXqdQMKx).

### **ABLE National Resource Center Promotes ABLE Materials Toolkit**

The ABLE National Resource Center has developed, compiled and updated various ABLE-related materials in an effort to provide stakeholders, including individuals with disabilities and their families, ABLE administrators and managers, financial institutions, state and federal agencies and departments, special needs attorneys and disability-related service providers, with a centralized virtual location in which they can quickly access printable ABLE-related education and information. The materials that we have selected are divided into four categories and together constitute our "ABLE Toolkit." The goal of the toolkit is to facilitate, and significantly broaden, widespread comprehensive education, information and awareness throughout the country.

<http://ablenrc.org/news/able-national-resource-center-promotes-able-materials-toolkit>

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

- Aug 15-16 **Brookings**, 2-Day Person Centered Thinking Training  
Registration is Limited. For more information or to register contact Brenda Smith at 605-770-6098 or email her at [mbsmit@msn.com](mailto:mbsmit@msn.com)
- Sept 7-8 **Chamberlain/Oacoma** – SD Association of the Blind Conference  
For more information contact Lerae Olesen at [lerae@rapidnet.com](mailto:lerae@rapidnet.com)
- Sept 12-13 **Pierre**, 2-Day Person Centered Thinking Training  
Registration is Limited. For more information or to register contact Brenda Smith at 605-770-6098 or email her at [mbsmit@msn.com](mailto:mbsmit@msn.com)
- Sept 24-25 **Sioux Falls** – Early Childhood Mental Health Seminar  
For more information contact the Center for Disabilities at 605-357-1439.
- Sept 27-28 **Watertown** – NAMI Conference  
For more information visit <https://namisouthdakota.org/annual-conference/>
- Sept 28-29 **Sioux Falls**, 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.
- Oct 4-5 **Chamberlain/Oacoma** – South Dakota Gathering (Person Centered Thinking)  
For more information, contact Noemi Borcea at the Division of Developmental Disabilities at 605-773-3438 or email [noemi.borcea@state.sd.us](mailto:noemi.borcea@state.sd.us) Online registration – <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-south-dakota-gathering-2108-tickets-48071470061>
- Oct 4-5 **Sioux Falls** - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference  
For more information contact: [CPCM@usd.edu](mailto:CPCM@usd.edu) or call 605-357-1392
- Oct 9-11 **Aberdeen** – 2018 Fall Conference  
For more information go to [www.SDRehabACTion.org](http://www.SDRehabACTion.org)
- Oct 21-23 **Sioux Falls** – Center for Disabilities' Symposium & JAM  
For more information go to <http://www.usd.edu/medicine/center-for-disabilities/upcoming-events>
- Nov 7-8 **Redfield**, 2-Day Person Centered Thinking Training  
Registration is Limited. For more information or to register contact Brenda Smith at 605-770-6098 or email her at [mbsmit@msn.com](mailto:mbsmit@msn.com)
- Apr 2, 9, 16, 2019 **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.

**\*\*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.

## FUTURE ISSUES OF DDC NOTES

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