





South Dakota Agencies for People with Disabilities

 <p>http://www.helplinecenter.org 211 or 605.339.4357</p> <p><i>making lives better by giving support, offering hope and creating connections all day, every day</i></p> <p>24-hour information & referral line to community programs for financial assistance, food, clothing, medical assistance, social service programs, government agencies, child care, volunteering opportunities, suicide and crisis support</p>	 <p>Strong Families – South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future South Dakota Department of Social Services</p> <p>http://dss.sd.gov 605.773.3165</p> <p><i>to strengthen and support individuals and families by fostering independence and personal responsibility; protecting people; providing opportunities for individuals to achieve their full potential; and promoting healthy families and safe communities by ensuring quality, cost-effective and comprehensive services are provided in cooperation with our partners</i></p> <p>Food Stamps; Medicaid; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Child Care Assistance; Low Income Energy Assistance; Aging & Disability Resource Connections; Behavioral Health Services and more</p>
 <p>http://www.sd-ccd.org 800.210.0143 or 605.945.2207</p> <p><i>advocates for the full inclusion of individuals of all ages with all types of disabilities</i></p> <p>provides training on disability related topics; technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability laws; legislative Enews; and more</p>	 <p>http://www.sdadvocacy.com 800.658.4782 or 605.224.8294</p> <p><i>to protect and advocate the rights of South Dakotans with disabilities through legal, administrative, and other remedies</i></p> <p>Client Assistance Program; Protection & Advocacy Developmental Disabilities Program; Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness; and more</p>
 <p>Freedom to Work</p> <p>http://ftw.sd-ccd.org 800.210.0143 or 605.945.2207</p> <p><i>Supports a system of employment services for people with disabilities and helps remove barriers to employment</i></p> <p>Work Incentives training; Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD); Personal Assistance Services (PAS); benefits specialist services; Career Development Teams; employment resource materials available</p>	 <p>http://www.sdparent.org 800.640.4553</p> <p><i>to connect families caring for children (birth to 26) with the full range of disabilities or special health care needs to information, training, & resources in an environment of support, hope, & respect</i></p> <p>Resources for families of children with disabilities and special health needs; individual assistance and workshops; connects families to programs at the state and national level; helps parents and schools navigate the special education process. All at no cost.</p>
 <p>www.usd.edu/cd 605.357.1439</p> <p><i>works with others to create opportunities that enhance the lives of people with disabilities & their families through training, services, information, research, & community education</i></p> <p>Birth to 3 program; Autism Program, Fetal Alcohol Program, and Deaf-Blind Program; trainings available; resource handbooks</p>	 <p>Council on Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc 800.265.9684 or 605.773.6369</p> <p><i>to assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire</i></p> <p>Helpful resource to find out about available services; provides financial assistance for advocates and/or families to attend different trainings throughout the state; and more</p>
 <p>Transition Services Liaison Project</p> <p>http://www.tslp.org 605.224.5336</p> <p><i>assists students with disabilities, their families, schools, and adult service agencies to make the transition from high school to post-school be a meaningful experience</i></p> <p>Youth Leadership Forum; Catch the Wave; Transition Tackle-box; transition trainings for special education teachers & parents; and more</p>	 <p>Department of Human Services Division of Rehabilitation Services/Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired</p> <p>http://dhs.sd.gov/drs 800.265.9679 or 605.367.5330</p> <p><i>to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, economic self-sufficiency, personal independence & full inclusion into society</i></p> <p>Project Skills; Project SEARCH; Assistive Technology assistance; post-secondary and employment training assistance</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">DHS/Division of Developmental Disabilities</p> <p>http://dhs.sd.gov/dd 605.773.3438 or 800.265.9684</p> <p><i>To ensure that people with developmental disabilities have equal opportunities and receive the services and supports they need to live and work in South Dakota communities.</i></p> <p>Family Support 360; Community Support Provider; Adult Foster Care; Respite Care; Guardianship assistance; and more</p>	

The Secret Questions to Self Advocacy

Here are some sample questions that you can use to learn more about what services are available. Please don't feel limited to only asking these questions...these are only to get the conversation started.

Who...

- Who is eligible for your services?
- Who would be my point of contact?

What...

- What type of services does your agency provide?
- What is the cost associated with services?
- What sort of application/eligibility process is there?
- What other agencies can you direct me too for further assistance?
- What information do I need to provide to be able to seek assistance?

When...

- When will services start?
- When will services end?

Where...

- Where is the local office located?
- Where do services take place...an office, at school, my home, your agency?

How...

- How long will it take for services to begin?
- How often do services take place...daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, or as needed?

Why...

- Can you help me understand why you have taken this position?
- Why do you believe your interpretation of this material is correct?

Use this log to document all contacts between you and any agencies. Your log should include telephone calls, messages, meetings, letters, and notes between you and the agency staff.

Who did I talk with?	
When did we talk?	
What did I ask?	
What was I told?	
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