



DDC NOTES – MARCH 2021

Council Member Updates – New members joined the DD Council in 2020/21 – Valerie Husby and Tim Reinbold as parent representatives; and Mary Kay Budmayr as a community-based provider (shared living). New state agency representatives include: Joey Younie, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities; Melanie Boetel, DSS Division of Behavioral Health; and Whitney Bruner, Department of Health. Completing their terms will be Chuck Henrie, Reed Haug, Connie Schmitz, Jennifer Olson and Kathie Erdman-Becker.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS – The DD Council has the following openings and is looking for applicants. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2021. Applications available from the Council office or online at <https://dhs.sd.gov/cdd.aspx>

One self-advocate position

Three parents or guardians of adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities

One parent of a child with an intellectual or developmental disability

EARLY LEARNER SOUTH DAKOTA – This group has been working to increase knowledge and advocacy around early learning. Check out their website for great information, fact sheets and data on early learning. www.earlylearnersd.org

NATIONAL CENTER ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES (NCEO) – NCEO is releasing a series of videos on various aspects of supporting the learning of children with significant cognitive disabilities at home. The first four videos are now published on YouTube.

Helping Your Child with Routines at Home

Helping Your Child with the Foundations of Communication at Home

Helping Your Child with Communication at Home

Helping Your Child with Academics

In addition to parents and educators, other audiences will find the videos useful as they work with parents and families. Each video focuses on three key questions: Why is it important to focus on this with my child at home? How can I do this at home? What support can I ask for from my child's school? Additional videos will be added to the series over the next several months. Future videos will be on supporting the learning of reading, writing, and math at home, as well as one on monitoring progress.



The Association for Successful Parenting
a chance to parent

<https://achancetoparent.net/>

Is offering free webinars in 2021

Mar 10 – Peer Navigation Support for Parents with I/DD

May 12 – Competence Based Parenting Assessments

July 14 – Self-Advocacy

Sept 8 – Building Support Networks to Reduce Isolation

Nov 10 – History of Disabled Parenting and Tips on Raising a Toddler and a Newborn

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

Due to the Coronavirus – Please check with hosting organizations for any changes to schedules.

- Mar 24, 2021 **STATEWIDE** – Virtual Zoom Session – Let’s Talk LifeCourse
Topic: 3 Buckets of Support – Make sure that we are filling all of our buckets!
Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us or Brooke.nelson@state.sd.us for more information and the Zoom link.
- Mar 17, 2021 **STATEWIDE** – Virtual Zoom Session –Planning & Problem-Solving Using Charting the LifeCourse
Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us or Brooke.nelson@state.sd.us for more information and the Zoom link.
- May 22, 2021 NAMIWalks Your Way South Dakota
For more information check out their website - <https://www.namiwalks.org/>
- Sept 28-30, 2021 **SIoux FALLS** – South Dakota Developmental Disabilities Conference
This event will be sharing the latest information in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) for South Dakota providers, parents and people with I/DD. Watch for more information coming soon!

Additional trainings and free webinars can be found at South Dakota Parent Connections’ website - <http://www.sdparent.org/web/index.php?siteid=2825>

****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*. Limited 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

- If you receive this via regular mail and want to receive it by e-mail, let me know and I'll make that change.
- If you no longer want to receive this information, let me know and I'll take you off the list.
- If you know of others who may be interested, please share this with them or have them contact me to be added to the mailing list.