



DDC NOTES – MAY 2020

WELCOME New Council Members – Valerie Husby and Tim Reinbold. Congratulations!!

MINI-GRANTS for ENGAGEMENT & COMFORT DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC – The Council has made funds available for mini grants to support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For more information contact Arlene Poncelet at arlene.poncelet@state.sd.us. The next due date is June 1, 2020.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT –

South Dakota COVID-19 Impact Survey – More information on page 4

South Dakota Council on DD – Five-Year State Plan – Help set priorities. Attached in separate file.

RESOURCES FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION

Covid-19 in South Dakota - <https://covid.sd.gov/>

Center for Disabilities' Covid-19 Resource Page - <https://www.usd.edu/medicine/center-for-disabilities/center-for-disabilities-covid-19-resources/covid-19-and-people-with-disabilities>

Disability Rights South Dakota Resource Page - <https://drsdlaw.org/resources/covid19resources/>

Department of Education - <https://doe.sd.gov/>

DHS/Division of Developmental Disabilities - <https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/default.aspx>

SD Parent Connection – weConnect e-newsletters contain resources for parents and individuals – see the archive here - <http://www.sdparent.org/web/index.php?siteid=2825&pageid=22992>

Vermont's Green Mountain Self Advocates created a **Plain Language COVID-19 Guidebook** that covers basic information, tips for working with staff, medical information form, information on stimulus checks, unemployment benefits and a glossary of words to know. You can find it here – <http://gmsavt.org/3665-2/>



New suicide prevention resource available for schools

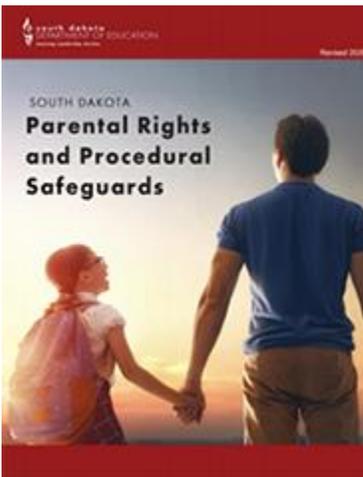
A snapshot of suicide prevention resources for schools is available through the sdsuicideprevention.org website. Awareness campaigns, school-based suicide prevention curriculum, suicide prevention training, and additional resources are featured on a two-page document. The document is also linked on the [Department of Education's Mental Health webpage](#), or you may access it here - https://sdsuicideprevention.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/SuicidePrevention_SchoolResources.pdf



www.Onevotenow.org

In the 2018 midterm elections, more than 14.3 million Americans with disabilities reported that they voted. This number is over a million more than the entire population of the State of Illinois, and it doesn't even include the family members and friends who make up the wider disability community. However, Americans with disabilities are still not voting or getting enough information on how to participate. Together we need to inform, mobilize, and empower ourselves and others to vote in the upcoming 2020 election.

The website OneVoteNow has been updated for 2020. With a new look and new resources for the 2020 election and census, this website was created to collect, organize, and share accessible resources and election news that can help ensure that everyone is included in all parts of the election, as well as the 2020 Census. This upcoming election is an extremely important one for all Americans, including those with disabilities, their families, and their communities. Please share this website widely!



Updated Parental Rights handbook available

The format of the South Dakota Department of Education's Parental Rights Handbook has been updated, and it is now designed to be more parent-friendly. The updated handbook is located on the department's [Parental Rights webpage](#). Coming soon: Spanish version and additional languages. Note: content and processes **have not** changed.

<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/parentalrights.aspx>

LOOKING FOR ACTIVITIES TO DO FROM HOME - Indiana's Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation created a YouTube channel playlist for adaptive and inclusive recreation, including yoga and mindfulness activities! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cj7rB9V16YI&list=PLpsdds8OQopmEzOON-irvPYAA2c-zL3YS&index=3>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND MEETINGS

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

- May 20 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Safety & Security Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.
- May 27 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Daily Life & Employment Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.
- June 9-10 **Redfield**, 2-Day Person Centered Thinking Training
For more information contact Dixie Jungwirth at dixie.jungwirth@state.sd.us or Tonya Van Wagner at tonya.vanwagner@state.sd.us
- Jun 15-17 **Sioux Falls**, Nat'l Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA) Basic Crisis Response Team Training. Limited to 40 people. For more information contact Kathy Rutten at 605-731-0041 (rescheduled from March)
- July 15-16 **Watertown**, Identifying, Investigating and Prosecuting Domestic Violence Strangulation Cases Contact Angie Meseberg at 605-886-4304 for more information.
- July 22 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Citizenship & Advocacy Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.
- Sept 23 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Community Living Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.
- Nov 18 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Social & Spirituality Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.
- Jan 13, 2021 **STATEWIDE** – Webinar Series on Planning a Good Life using the Charting the LifeCourse Framework – Healthy Living Email Kimberly.percival@state.sd.us for more information.

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*. 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

- 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.

South Dakota COVID-19 Impact Survey

Are you a person with a disability or a family member of a person with a disability? If so, we want to hear from you!

COVID-19 (coronavirus) has changed our lives dramatically in the past few months. The needs and services of people with disabilities and their families have been impacted in many ways during this time. Please help the Developmental Disabilities Network in South Dakota learn how we can help by completing a short anonymous COVID-19 Impact Survey by May 31st. Thank you for taking a few minutes and providing this important feedback!

Please click on the following link or copy and paste it into your browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/covid19-SD>

If you are not a person with a disability or a family member, please share this survey with others.

Thank you!

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