



# SD Supporting Families CoP State Team

12.4.19





# Welcome & Introductions





**Core Belief:**  
All people and their families have the right to live, love, work, play and pursue their life aspirations in their community.



# What is a Community of Practice?

- ⦿ A community of practice brings together "people who share a concern or passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact This model was chosen for this effort to provide means for:
- ⦿ Connecting people who may have never had contact;
- ⦿ Providing a shared context for people to communicate, collaborate, generate knowledge, share information; and solve commonly identified problems;
- ⦿ Stimulating learning by serving as a vehicle for communication, mentoring, coaching, or self-reflection; and
- ⦿ Helping people organize around purposeful actions.



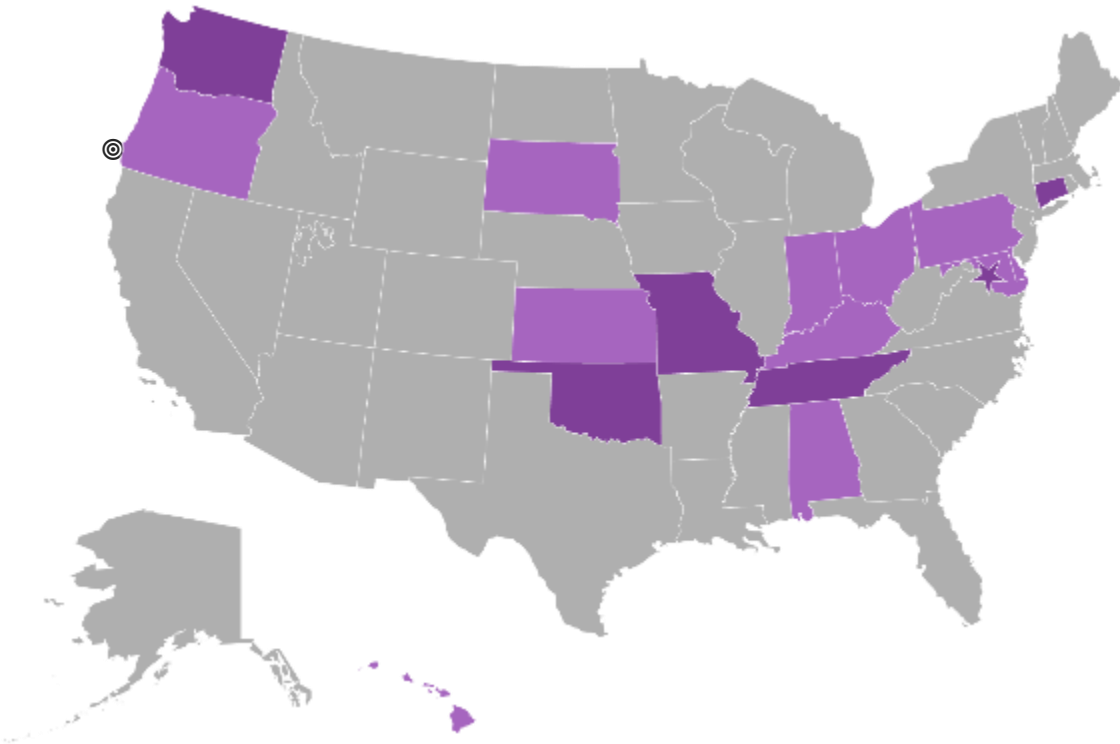
# National Community of Practice for Supporting Families

## Project Goal

To build capacity through a community of practice across and within States to create policies, practices and systems to better assist and support families that include a member with I/DD across the lifespan.

## Project Outcome

- State and national consensus on a national framework and agenda for improving support for families with members with I/DD.
- Enhanced national and state policies, practices, and sustainable systems that result in improved supports to families.
- Enhanced capacity of states to replicate and sustain exemplary practices to support families and systems.



# What is the role of the SD CoP State Team?



- ⦿ Organize a structure of leaders to drive the change in your state
- ⦿ Understand and use the Charting the LifeCourse "thinking"
- ⦿ Identify and develop an infrastructure in the state for other stakeholders to also learn about the framework
- ⦿ Identify statewide specific Innovation Areas for integrating and implementing the Charting the LifeCourse-thinking, tools and practices.
- ⦿ Leverage and bridge National CoP opportunities with statewide stakeholders to learn from other states and to national technical assistance.



# Goals through June 30, 2020

- ◎ Active participation in Collaborative from:
  - ★ 10 family and/or self-advocate groups
  - ★ 15 self-advocates
  - ★ 15 family members
- ◎ Host 16 “Good Life Group” events statewide to provide:
  - ★ Information & Skill Building
  - ★ Connection & Networking
- ◎ Establish direct communication from DDD to families & self-advocates to obtain feedback and share updates



# 10.2.19 Meeting Recap

- ◎ The SD CoP State Team should have more attendance and involvement from family member and people with disabilities is needed
  - ★ SD CoP State Team is an “advisory” group to drive goals and activities - reaching out to people with disabilities and family members has been an ongoing effort since 2016
- ◎ DDD Efforts
  - ★ Improving engagement and communication with stakeholders
  - ★ “Front Door” efforts
    - ☆ Outcomes:
      - Supports that are well-matched to what the person and/or family want and need.
      - People with disabilities and families can make an informed choice about the services and supports to best meet their needs





# Recommendations & Next Steps:

- ⦿ Contact with established family & self-advocate groups
  - ★ Learn about group composition & priorities
  - ★ Offer to share Charting the LifeCourse framework & purpose of SD Supporting Families CoP
  - ★ Extend invitation to have representation on SD CoP State Team
  - ★ May be a way to connect & host Good Life Groups throughout the state
- ⦿ What other methods of communication to all family members & people with disabilities should we be exploring?
- ⦿ Update on efforts to obtain initial feedback – focused efforts

## Consideration of CoP State Team sub-groups to focus on each topic:

- ⦿ Family & self-advocate engagement
- ⦿ Front Door – involvement in DDD efforts, assist with exploring options, communication plan to share and receive info from ppl impacted



**Things that get us closer to our vision....**

- staff advising the group
- Parents and self-advocates leading the group

**Southeast SD**

- Group lead and comprised of parents and self-advocates
- Advocating for change, quality services, and choice for people with disabilities
- Group understands the issues that are relevant and what can & cannot be changed
- create Awareness in the community, and with Policy makers/Law Makers of issues
- work hand in hand with Partners In Policy-making graduates

**VISION for A Team**

**A Team Grassroots National Group Grassroots**

**Mission**-Unite persons with diverse abilities and family member to:

- Advocate in a grassroots effort;
- Create Awareness in the community;
- Advise others to ensure all service choices and opportunities

**Advocacy**- Organize efforts to promote rights of individuals with diverse abilities

**Awareness**-Promote the accomplishments and everyday challenges overcome by persons with diverse abilities and their parents

**Advisement**-Provide peer support and organizational feedback to meet the current and future needs of persons with diverse abilities.

*Supporting Positive Trajectories*

**Things that move us away from our vision...**

- staff leading the group

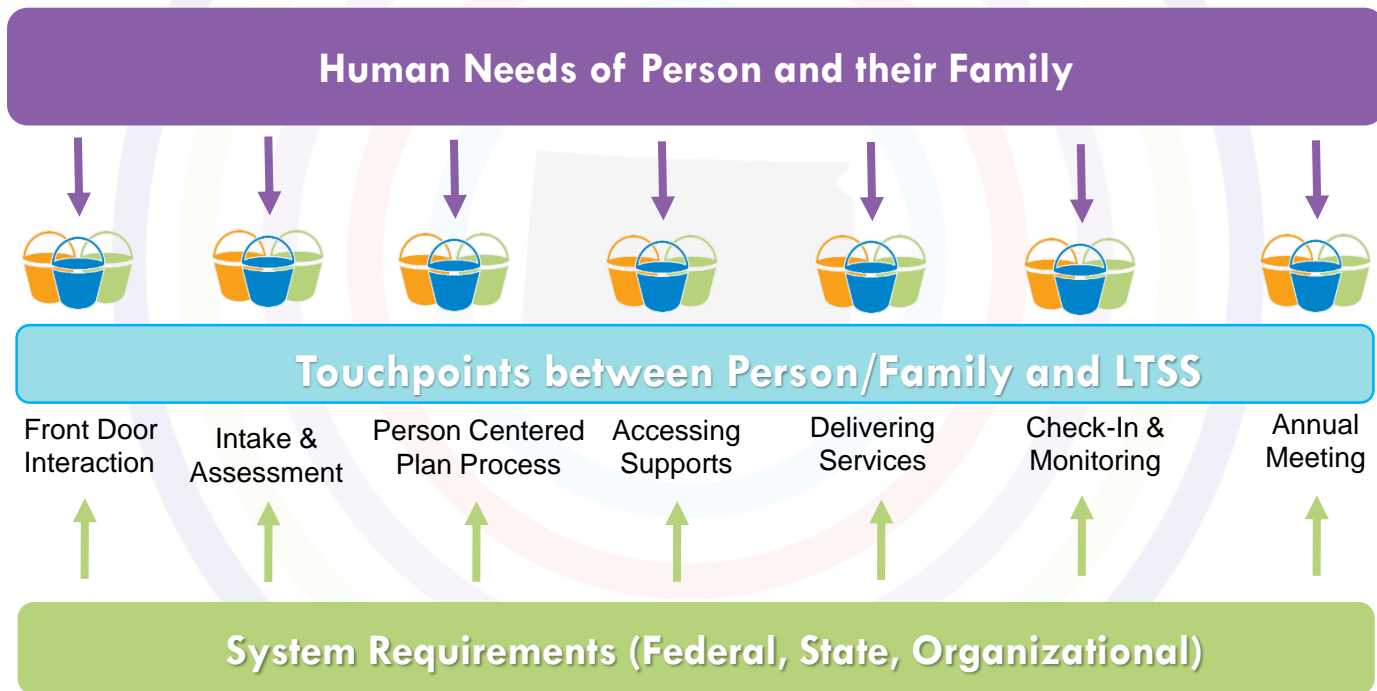
**What we DON'T want**

- A Team to be seen as an agency mouthpiece
- A Team only advocating for one choice or option

The Rivers A Team (Dawn Kirtchner, President)  
Yankton, SD



# Human Needs vs. System Needs



# Upcoming Activities for Charting the LifeCourse

## Semi-monthly State CoP Meetings

- ◎ *All meetings held from 12 pm – 1pm CT*
- ★ February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- ★ June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

## Stay tuned for:

- ★ Community of Practice Overview – for new and existing SD CoP members
- ★ SD CtLC webinars – semi-monthly
  - Community Living
  - Daily Life & Employment
  - Safety & Security
  - Healthy Living
  - Social & Spirituality
  - Citizenship & Advocacy

## Annual Face to Face State Team Meeting:

- ◎ April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- ★ Pierre, SD
- ★ Time TBD (4 – 5 hours)
- ★ Reimbursement for travel expense available



# Upcoming Activities for Charting the LifeCourse

- ◎ Charting the LifeCourse Overview - Aberdeen
  - ★ December 9<sup>th</sup>, Aberdeen (see flyer attached to email)
    - Facilitated by Brenda Smith, Deanna Wollman and Kristi Patton
- ◎ Charting the LifeCourse Overview - Brookings
  - ★ January 22, 2020 – two sessions
    - Facilitated by Brooke Nelson & Elaine Roberts



# Opportunities for SD Supporting CoP State Team members!

- ◎ 2020 Supporting Families Community of Practice Annual Meeting
  - ★ Kansas City, MO
  - ★ April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020
    - ☆ Participating CoP member states and national partners meet to share lessons learned, innovations and implementation strategies as well as state priorities and steps towards systems change to better support families using the Charting the LifeCourse framework
    - ☆ Funding Available to cover (in part or all) travel expense
    - ☆ Must commit to attending all parts of the meeting and contribute learning to SD CoP State Team meetings & goals
  
- ◎ 2020 Charting the LifeCourse Showcase
  - ★ Kansas City, MO
  - ★ April 29-30, 2020
    - ☆ Provides a platform for in-person learning with national and international stakeholders to share how the CtLC framework and tools are being used to implement change at all levels. Annually attendees come together in person to showcase their learning in breakouts, tool in action sessions, expos and more.



# Innovation Workgroups

- ◎ Family & Self-Advocate Engagement
  - ★ December 5, 2019
  - ★ June 4, 2020
- ◎ System Design & Quality
  - ★ February 6, 2019
- ◎ Implementation & Practice
  - ★ April 2, 2020
- ◎ Cultural and Linguistic Competency
  - ★ January 14, 2020
  - ★ March 10, 2020
  - ★ May 12, 2020



# 2019-2020 LifeCourse Ambassador Candidates – Welcome!

- ⊙ Dixie Jungwirth, Redfield
  - ⊙ Tim Reinbold, Redfield
  - ⊙ Melissa Flor, Pierre
  - ⊙ Barb Wetrosky, Sioux Falls
  - ⊙ Kimberly Percival, Pierre
- PCT Trainer Ambassador Series:**
- ⊙ Carie Diro, Rapid City
  - ⊙ Julie Hand, Pierre
- ⊙ If you are interested in what the Ambassador Series is and/or would like to apply for the next series, please contact [Julie.Hand@state.sd.us](mailto:Julie.Hand@state.sd.us)
  - ★ We are hoping to increase the number of Ambassadors in western SD!





# SD LifeCourse Ambassadors

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# Stay Connected

◎ **National CoP website**  
[www.supportstofamilies.org](http://www.supportstofamilies.org)

◎ **Examples, Videos, and Downloadable materials** [www.lifecoursetools.com](http://www.lifecoursetools.com)



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# Next Meeting

- ⦿ February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- ⦿ Suggestions for agenda topics?



**Thank you!**

