

Family Support 360

<http://dhs.sd.gov/dd/family/index.aspx>

Family Support 360 focuses primarily on developmental disabilities. They have a flexible pool of limited funds for eligible families, regardless of income, to purchase services or supports that might otherwise not have been available. Additionally, they can help to link people to existing, local resources.

Lutheran Social Services

<http://www.lsssd.org/>

People from Lutheran Social Services help families in a variety of ways. Their programs involve adoption, child care, credit counseling, family counseling, foster care, independent living, mentoring, and residential treatment centers. They have offices throughout the region.

South Dakota Department of Education

<http://doe.sd.gov>

The South Dakota Department of Education's website contains the rules and guidelines governing eligibility and services for special education, in addition to accountability reports for school districts and a wide variety of other information related to education.

South Dakota Parent Connections

<http://www.sdparent.org>

South Dakota Parent Connections sends pertinent electronic and printed material to the parents of children with special needs upon request. They design and promote training and workshops throughout the state and work to link families to other appropriate resources on an individualized basis.

USD Center for Disabilities

<http://www.usd.edu/cd/>

Stanford School of Medicine's Center for Disabilities at USD provides consultation, evaluation, information, research, and community education for students with disabilities and their families.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services

<https://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/vr.aspx>

Voc Rehab offers individualized rehabilitation and support services to eligible individuals by helping people to get and keep jobs compatible with their skills and abilities. Primarily an adult agency, they also do work with juniors and seniors in high school, in preparation for adulthood and the workforce.

Regional Offices and Phone Numbers:

Aberdeen

1707 4th Ave SE, Ste A
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605)626-2398 or
(800)439-3417

Brookings

1310 Main Ave. S, Suite 102
Brookings, SD 57006-3841
(605)688-4280 or
(800)382-2176

Huron (sub office of Brookings)

2361 Dakota Avenue South
Huron, SD 57350
(605)353-7130 or
(800)382-2176

Sioux Falls

Dept 21 811 E 10th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57103-1650
(605)367-5330 or
(800)265-9679

Watertown (sub office of Brookings)

2001 9th Ave, Suite 200
Watertown, SD 57201
(605)882-5150 or
(866)261-9261

Northeastern Educational Services Cooperative
310 5th Street
P.O. Box 327
Hayti, SD 57241

(605)783-3607 — phone
(605)783-3259 — fax

NESC will work to provide specialized services to ensure that all children have the same opportunities to achieve success regardless of all challenges.

Parent Resources

for Children with
Special Needs in
Northeastern
South Dakota



Community Mental Health Centers

<https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/>

Mental health centers support mental and behavioral health needs through community-based, outpatient treatment, including substance abuse. For more information contact your local office directly.

Regional Offices and Phone Numbers:

Northeastern Mental Health Center

14 South Main Street, Suite 1E
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605)225-1010

East Central Behavioral Health

211 Fourth Street
Brookings, SD 57006
(605)697-2850

Community Counseling Services

357 Kansas Ave SE
Huron, SD 57350
(605)352-8596

Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare

2000 S. Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
(605)336-0510

Human Service Agency

123 19th Street NE
Watertown, SD 57201-6030
(605)886-0123

DakotaLink

<https://www.dakotalink.net/>

DakotaLink is a statewide program connecting South Dakotans to assistive technology devices and services. They provide general information and also training for specific devices. They can help families identify the best device for an individual situation. They even demonstrate or even loan technological devices, so that people have a good idea of how well something might work prior to obtaining it. For individuals who are ready to purchase assistive technology, DakotaLink can provide information about state agencies and organizations that often help to provide funding.

Regional Offices and Phone Numbers:

Aberdeen

2201 6th Ave South East Suite 17B
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605)380-9790
(800)645-0673

Brookings

1310 Main Ave South Suite 114
Brookings, SD 57006-3894
(605)690-5348
(800)645-0673

Sioux Falls

2900 West 11th Street Suite 101
Sioux Falls, SD 57104-2594
(605)334-9099
(800)645-0673

Department of Social Services

<http://dss.sd.gov>

Local DSS offices coordinate State programs, such as child support, child protection services, economic assistance, and Medicaid. As such, they have an excellent knowledge of the particular resources available to any local community. Part of their work includes overseeing cases for adoption and foster care. DSS would be a good contact for questions about accessing other State and Federal programs.

Regional Offices and Phone Numbers:

Aberdeen

3401 10th Ave SE
Aberdeen, SD 57401-8000
(605)626-3160 or
(866)239-8855

Brookings

1310 Main Ave. S., Suite 101
Brookings, SD 57006-3893
(605)688-4330 or
(866)267-5228

DeSmet (1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm)

202 2nd St (in Kingsbury County Courthouse)
De Smet, SD 57231
(All mail should go to the Brookings office.)

Huron

110 Third St. SW, Suite 200
Huron, SD 57350-2450
(605)353-7100 or
(877)329-0019

Milbank

210 E. 5th Ave (in Grant County Courthouse)
Milbank, SD 57252
(605)432-9588
(866)486-0028

Sisseton

10 E. Hickory St., Ste. 2
Sisseton, SD 57262-1425
(605)698-7673 or
(888)747-0017

Watertown

2001 9th Ave. SW, Suite 300
Watertown, SD 57201
(605)882-5000 or
(866)239-6787

Webster (Tuesdays, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm)

711 W. 1st St., Suite 213
Webster, SD 57274-1366
(605)345-3432

(Clients at Webster may also call the Watertown office.
All mail should go to the Watertown office.)

Disability Rights South Dakota

<http://www.drdsdlaw.org/>

Disability Rights South Dakota (formerly known as South Dakota Advocacy) is a federally-funded protection and advocacy agency serving the interests of disabled people in South Dakota. If there should be any conflict with a public school district, they can help to navigate the procedural remedies available through IDEA or to negotiate other resolutions.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

<https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/default.aspx>

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) provides a number of services specifically for individuals who have more severe kinds of disabilities. Their intervention and support specialists can help to connect families with other available resources. For older students, they often attend IEP meetings to help transition clients to adult services. DDD also helps to establish conservatorship or guardianship for situations in which that is appropriate. They even have a program to offer respite care for caregivers.