

# South Dakota Agencies for People with Disabilities



<http://www.helplinecenter.org> 211 or 605.339.4357

*making lives better by giving support, offering hope and creating connections all day, every day*

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



**Strong Families – South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future**  
South Dakota Department of Social Services

<http://dss.sd.gov> 605.773.3165

*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*

Food Stamps; Medicaid; Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; Child Care Assistance; Low Income Energy Assistance; Aging & Disability Resource Connections; and more



<http://www.sd-ccd.org> 800.210.0143 or 605.945.2207

*advocates for the full inclusion of individuals of all ages with all types of disabilities*

provides training on disability related topics; technical assistance on the Americans with Disabilities Act and other disability laws; legislative Enews; and more



<http://www.sdadvocacy.com> 800.658.4782 or 605.224.8294

*to protect and advocate the rights of South Dakotans with disabilities through legal, administrative, and other remedies*

Client Assistance Program; Protection & Advocacy Developmental Disabilities Program; Protection & Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness; and more



## Freedom to Work

<http://ftw.sd-ccd.org> 800.210.0143 or 605.945.2207

*Supports a system of employment services for people with disabilities and helps remove barriers to employment*

Work Incentives training; Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD); Personal Assistance Services (PAS); benefits specialist services; Career Development Teams; employment resource materials available



**SOUTH DAKOTA ParentConnection**  
*Resources for Families of children with disabilities.*

<http://www.sdparent.org> 800.640.4553

*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*

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.



## Center for Disabilities

[www.usd.edu/cd](http://www.usd.edu/cd) 605.357.1439

*works with others to create opportunities that enhance the lives of people with disabilities & their families through training, services, information, research, & community education*

Birth to 3 program; Autism Program, Fetal Alcohol Program, and Deaf-Blind Program; trainings available; resource handbooks



## DHS/Council on Developmental Disabilities

<http://dhs.sd.gov/ddc> 800.265.9684 or 605.773.6369

*to assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in achieving the quality of life they desire*

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



## Transition Services Liaison Project

<http://www.tslp.org> 605.224.5336

*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*

Youth Leadership Forum; Catch the Wave; Transition Tackle-box; transition trainings for special education teachers & parents; and more



## Department of Human Services

Division of Rehabilitation Services/Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

<http://dhs.sd.gov/drs> 800.265.9679 or 605.367.5330

*to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment, economic self-sufficiency, personal independence & full inclusion into society*

Project Skills; Project SEARCH; Assistive Technology assistance; post-secondary and employment training assistance



**INDEPENDENT LIVING CHOICES**  
*Opening doors for people with disabilities*

[www.ilcchoices.org](http://www.ilcchoices.org) 605.362.3550 or 1.800.947.3770  
*provide services to people with disabilities who make independence their choice*

Home Modifications; Adaptive Devices Program; Independent Living Skills training; Peer Support Programs, Summer Transition Programs; Information and Referral Services; Assistive Daily Living Services; and more