

South Dakota Adult Services/Resources

If an agency is going to be paying for or providing services during the IEP timeframe, that agency needs to be invited to the IEP meeting. Prior to inviting the agency, written parental consent must be received from parent or student, if he/she has reached age of majority. Consent is valid for one year.

_____ **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).** DVR funds the “Project Skills” program, a paid work experience program available for students age 16 and older who qualify. DVR assists individuals with physical or mental disabilities to obtain employment and live independently. Services may include: counseling, training, job placement and more. <http://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices> 773-3195

_____ **Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI).** Can offer services to individuals who have blindness or a visual impairment, such as adjustment to blindness training, rehabilitation counseling, assistance in finding and keeping a job, tools and supplies needed to reach goals, vocational training, post-secondary preparation, assistive technology, and more. <https://dhs.sd.gov/servicetotheblind/default.aspx> 773-4644

_____ **Social Security Administration.** Manages two different disability programs – SSDI and SSI. Both programs provide a monthly income for people with disabilities, but the rules that affect eligibility for them are different. www.ssa.gov Aberdeen Office 855-278-4196, Sioux Falls Office 330-4334, Huron Office (800) 568-1952, Rapid City Office 342-1819, Watertown Office 886-8284, Yankton 665-6801, or (800) 772-1213

_____ **SD Benefits Specialist Network.** Regional Benefits Specialists provide SSI and SSDI beneficiaries with access to benefits planning and assistance services. BHSSC - 224-6287

_____ **Centers for Independent Living.** Staff at several Centers located throughout the state could assist in these areas: housing, community resources, independent living skills, peer support, employment, self-advocacy, personal safety, individual rights, and attendant management. Centers have branch offices throughout SD. <http://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/il.aspx>

_____ **Mental Health Centers.** Provide a full range of mental health services, including: emergency care, evaluations, case management, consultation, and outpatient care. <http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/mentalhealth.aspx>

_____ **Department of Labor & Regulations** Can provide job listings and help with making applications and employer contacts. <http://dlr.sd.gov/localoffices/default.aspx>

_____ **SD Parent Connection.** Connects families caring for children (birth – 26) with the full range of disabilities or special health care needs to information, training and resources in an environment of support, hope and respect. www.sdparent.org (800) 640-4553 or 361-3171

_____ **Disability Rights South Dakota (formerly SD Advocacy).** DRAS provides services such as information and referral, advocates, client assistance program for adults with disabilities, self-advocacy training and more. www.drSDLaw.org (800) 658-4872 or 224-8294

_____ **Conflict Free Case Managers.** Case management is no longer provided by local Community Support Providers, but rather from an external organization. You will have the opportunity to select your own conflict free case manager. This individual will help you coordinate services and supports from available providers & resources. <https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/cfcem.aspx>

_____ **Community Support Providers.** CSP's are located throughout the state and provide day and/or residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities, primarily age 16 and older. Services include: community living training, home/community based services, follow-along services, pre-vocational and vocational training. <http://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/csp.aspx>

_____ **Resource Coordinator.** The Division of Developmental Disabilities employs statewide Resource Coordinators to assist individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in accessing services. <http://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/resourcecoordinators.aspx>
(800) 265-9685

_____ **Family Support 360 Program.** Family Support 360 serves people with developmental disabilities. This program assists participants and their families in getting the services they need to live as independently as possible in the community.

<http://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/familysupport360.aspx> (800) 265-9684

BenchMark Human Services - 645-4540

_____ **Post-Secondary Schools.** Post-secondary education can be pursued through avenues such as public or private colleges, universities, community colleges, technical colleges, and business and traditional schools. Post-secondary schools have staff specifically assigned to counsel students with disabilities. <http://tslp.org/catch-the-wave/>

_____ **Assistive Technology.** Dakota Link has four centers around the state that can provide assistance to individuals of all ages to help locate, acquire and use the latest available assistive devices that best meet the need to maintain independence at home, work, classroom or in leisure activities.

<http://dakotalink.tie.net/> Sturgis 347-4467, Aberdeen 380-9790, Sioux Falls 334-9099,

Brookings 692-7275, Rapid City (800) 645-0673 or 394-6742

_____ **Legal Guardianship.** The S.D. Guardianship Program provides professional guardianship, conservatorship, and related protective services for adults with disabilities. Other services include: consultation, estate planning assistance, information/resources, future planning, and trustee services,

DHS Guardianship Program - <http://dhs.sd.gov/guardianship/default.aspx> (800) 265-9684 or 773-5990

_____ **Job Corps Program.** Job Corps is a free education and training program that helps young people learn a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job. For eligible young people at least 16 years of age that qualify as low income, Job Corps provides the all-around skills needed to succeed in a career and in life. <http://www.jobcorps.gov/home.aspx> (800) 733-

JOBS or (800) 733-5627

_____ **CSD.** Serves deaf and hard-of-hearing people in South Dakota. Some services provided include: interpreting, advocacy and consultation, employment services, communication equipment, independent living, mentoring and more. www.c-s-d.org 1-800-642-6410 (Voice) or 1-866-273-3323 (TTY)