

# South Dakota Agencies for People with Disabilities

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Disability Rights</b> South Dakota</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://drsdlaw.org">drsdlaw.org</a> 800.658.4782</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provides protection and advocacy services to individuals with disabilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>SD DROP</b> SD Deaf Resource &amp; Outreach Programs</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://sddrop.org">sddrop.org</a> 605.519-8208 (V) or 605.370.6593 (VP)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serves and supports deaf and hard of hearing in reaching their life goals and support others to better serve deaf and hard of hearing individuals.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Transition Services Liaison Project</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://tslp.org">tslp.org</a> 605.224.5336</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assists students, families, schools and agencies supporting students transitioning from school to adulthood.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Department of Human Services</b> Division of Rehabilitation Services Division of Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dhs.sd.gov/en/rehabilitation-services">dhs.sd.gov/en/rehabilitation-services</a> 605-773-3195</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assists persons with disabilities working to reach their life employment and independent living goals.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Dakota Link</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dakotalink.net">dakotalink.net</a> 800.645.0673 or 605.394.6742</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assists people with disabilities to identify technology that supports them reaching their life goals.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>SOUTH DAKOTA BENEFITS SPECIALIST NETWORK</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://bsnsd.org">bsnsd.org</a> 800.224.5336 or 605.224.6287</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Works with people with disabilities wanting to learn about their disability benefits, who are already working or are ready to enter the workforce; helps them learn about Medicare, Medicaid, reporting income and other topics related to working and managing benefits.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Department of Human Services</b> Division of Developmental Disabilities</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dhs.sd.gov/en/division-developmental-disabilities">dhs.sd.gov/en/division-developmental-disabilities</a> 605.773.3438 or 800.265.9684</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Serves and supports persons with developmental disabilities to live and work in their communities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>SOUTH DAKOTA Parent Connection</b> Resources for families of children with disabilities.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://sdparent.org">sdparent.org</a> 800.640.4553</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Connects families of children with disabilities and special needs (birth to 26) with needed information, services and supports.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>DSS</b> Strong Families – South Dakota’s Foundation and Our Future South Dakota Department of Social Services Community Behavioral Health Services</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community">dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community</a> 605.773.3123</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Provides information on mental health services, qualified mental health professionals and more.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Department of Human Services</b> Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dhs.sd.gov/en/sbvi">dhs.sd.gov/en/sbvi</a> 800-265-9684</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assists people with developmental disabilities and their families in living the lives they desire.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Center for Disabilities</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://usd.edu/cd">usd.edu/cd</a> 800.658.3080 or 605.357.1439</p> <p style="text-align: center;">works with others to create opportunities to enhance the lives of people with disabilities.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Department of Human Services</b> Division of Long-Term Services and Supports</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://dhs.sd.gov/LTSS">dhs.sd.gov/LTSS</a> 605.773.3165</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assists people over age 65 and over age 18 with physical disabilities through community-based services.</p>

*This resource is also available in large print and electronic versions.*

**Questions to Ask**

Here are some sample questions that you can use to learn more about what services are available. Please don't feel limited to only asking these questions...these are only to get the conversation started.

**Who...**

- Who is eligible for your services?
- Who should I contact?

**What...**

- What type of services does your agency provide?
- What is the cost for services?
- What other agencies can you direct me to for more assistance?
- What information do I need to seek services?
- What sort of application do I need to complete?

**When...**

- When will services start?
- When will services end?

**Where...**

- Where are you located?
- Where do services take place...at an office, in my home, at your agency?

**How...**

- How long will it take for services to begin?
- How often do services take place...daily, weekly, monthly or as needed?

Use this log to document all contacts between you and any agencies. Your log should include telephone calls, messages, meetings, letters, and notes between you and agency staff.

Who did I talk with?	
When did we talk?	
What did I ask?	
What was I told?	
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