DISABILITY PROJECT-Bridging South Dakota



MISSION: Bridging South Dakota seeks to improve services for victims and survivors with disabilities or who are deaf by cultivating the capacity of our statewide organizations to provide trauma-informed, safe and accessible interventions through technical assistance, training and curricula.

VISION: We envision that survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking, who have disabilities or who are d/Deaf, will receive knowledgeable, culturally sensitive and effective services from providers and advocates throughout the state of South Dakota.

SCOPE

- Conduct cross-training for victim services organizations, governmental agencies, courts, law enforcement, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities and individuals who are Deaf about risk reduction, intervention, prevention and the nature of sexual assault.
- Conduct outreach activities to ensure individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault receive appropriate assistance.
- Provide technical assistance to disability and Deaf service providers to assist them with modifications to existing policies, protocols, and procedures to ensure safety and services for individuals with disabilities and individuals who are Deaf who are victims of sexual violence.
- Empowering disability and Deaf focused organizations to work with individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are survivors of sexual assault through advocacy and intervention services.
- Addressing racial equity as an essential component of ending sexual assault through the work of Bridging South Dakota with the inclusion and partnership of South Dakota Urban Indian Health to reach Native Americans with disabilities and Native Americans who are Deaf and incorporate culturally specific considerations within the project activities.

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