

# Children's Home Society of South Dakota

## Mission

To prevent, treat and heal trauma.

## Vision

A world that stands up to trauma where all people are safe, healthy and resilient.

## Values



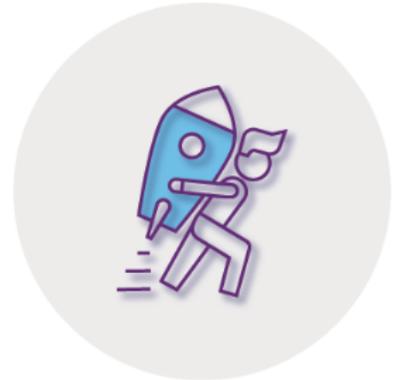
**We are better together.**

We collectively steward the mission and resources of Children's Home Society and work together to shape the future for children, families, and our community.



**We choose kindness.**

We bring out the best in ourselves and others, by cultivating an environment of growth, understanding, and respect.



**We are tenacious.**

We do whatever it takes to live our mission and light a path forward for children and families facing adversity.

## Philosophy of Care

Our programs and therapeutic models are united in our approach to care, which is based on neuroscience and informed by the Hope Rising movement. Within this structure, we use multiple, evidence-based treatment and care models to care for vulnerable children, adults and families.

# Services

## Residential Treatment and Schools

At Black Hills Children's Home and Sioux Falls Children's Home, we provide psychiatric residential treatment for children ages 4-14. Many of the children are survivors of abuse or neglect; others come from loving homes and are challenged with behavioral and emotional needs. Each residential campus includes a school certified by the SD Department of Education. Loving School in Sioux Falls also accepts day students.

## Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety

Children's Home Shelter for Family Safety in Sioux Falls is the region's largest domestic violence shelter. Services include safe shelter, crisis hotline, counseling, advocacy and support, along with meals and transportation, community referrals and more. We also provide temporary emergency shelter for children who have been abused or neglected.

## Outpatient Mental Health Services

Children's Home Society offers outpatient mental health services, including psychiatry, individual, family and group therapy and case management. We provide hope-centered, strengths-based and trauma-informed services for children and families.

## Foster Care and Adoption

Children's Home Society offers Therapeutic Foster Care and Wendy's Wonderful Kids Adoption Services in both Sioux Falls and Rapid City. Services within these programs include case management and outpatient therapy.

## Children's Home Child Advocacy Center

Located in Rapid City, Children's Home Child Advocacy Center offers forensic interviews for children who have experienced trauma. The Child Advocacy Center concept, which is used nationwide, was created to prevent repeated questioning of traumatized children and obtain legally admissible evidence. We also provide support and resources for these children and their families, including outpatient therapy.

## Bright Start Nurse Family Partnership

Children's Home Society operates the Bright Start nurse family partnership in 13 South Dakota Counties. Bright Start is a program of the state Department of Health that pairs nurses with first-time mothers for up to two years to help families with the resources and knowledge to be healthy and happy.

## Prevention, Training & Education

Our child abuse prevention program includes heading up South Dakota's Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) training about the impact of trauma and South Dakota's Enough Abuse program, which educates individual, groups and communities on how to prevent child sexual abuse.