2023 Region 8 Head Start Conference



What HS Professionals
Wish They Knew About
Supports for Families
with Exceptional Children

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SD PARENT CONNECTION

- Supporting families with children with disabilities or special health needs and the professionals assisting them since 1985.
- Mission: To connect families caring for children, youth and young adults (birth to age 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.

PARENT TRAINING & INFORMATION CENTER FAMILY TO FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTER



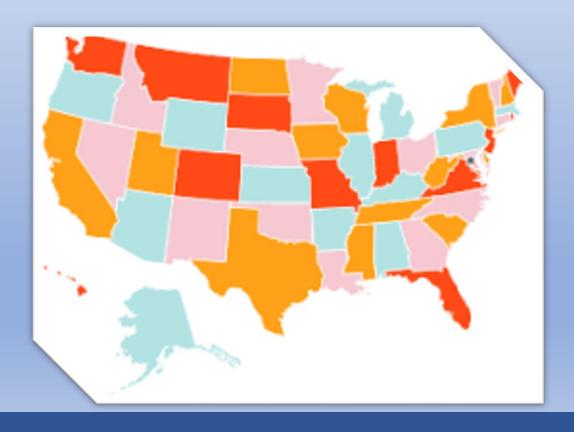
- Each state has at least one PTI
 - ✓ Funded by IDEA, OSEP
- Each state has one F2FHIC
 - ✓ Funded by Title V, MCHB
 - ✓ CSHCN behavioral, developmental, physical, mental health
- Staffed by families, 50% of Board members are families of CSHCN
- Statewide reach with offices in Sioux Falls and Rapid City

PARENT CENTERS - HERE TO HELP

PTIs www.parentcenterhub.org

F2Fs http://familyvoices.org/ncfpp/f2fs/

Family Voices <u>www.familyvoices.org</u>





SERVICES AND RESOURCES



Individualized information, assistance and support to families and professionals.



NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

- Partnership with SDPC and SD DoE
 Special Education Programs
- Informal problem-solving process available statewide to



- ✓ Locate and utilize information and resources
- ✓ Improve family-school communication
- ✓ Build (or re-build) partnership.
- ✓ Reach or make progress towards agreement





WORKSHOPS AND ONLINE SUPPORTS



- Parent/Professional Partnership
- Disability Specific, Services & Supports,
- Special Education/IEPs, Section 504,
 Parent Rights/Procedural Safeguards
- Child Development, Serving on Groups (family leadership)...

Online Resources

www.sdparent.org

www.facebook.com/sdparentconnection



RESOURCES

Newsletter - weConnect

<u>Guides</u>

- ✓ What Parents Should Know...
- ✓ Dare to Dialogue
- ✓ Behavior at School
- √Guardianship & Alternatives
- √ Family Resource Guide

Parent Briefs

✓ Behaviors, Evaluation, Turning 18...

<u>Infographics</u> - Transfer of Rights <u>Organizers</u> - FILE, MyFILE





FINANCING NEEDED SERVICES

IDEA Parts C and B - FAPE, LRE, Procedural Safeguards

- Part C Infants and Toddlers IFSP
- Part B 3 through 21 IEP
- Part D TA Centers, Parent Centers





Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - FAPE, LRE, Procedural Safeguards

Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Students

Tips for your work with families...



- Provide information, evaluation reports AHEAD of time for families to review, ask questions, and prepare for a meeting.
- Ask "does this make sense" when sharing information, during IEP/IFSP meetings with parents. It often does not.



- Parents are dependent on professionals to connect them to supports & services. Family access to these critical supports is INVALUABLE.
 - **Never assume** someone already shared information.

FINANCING NEEDED SERVICES



Medicaid / CHIP - public insurance



Begin Started NOW Do I Qualify? Apply For Benefits Complete My Yearly Renewal Complete your six month report form Report a Change RETURNING USERS Finish your Application/Renewal/Six Month Report Form



Children in low income/resource families

https://apps.sd.gov/ss36snap/web/Portal/Default.aspx



Medicaid for Children with Disabilities

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - ✓ Low income/resource limits
 - 3 year review
 - Age 18 redetermination
- Medicaid for low birthweight babies/ babies in hospital more than 30 days*



https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/MEDELGBLTY/EA240.pdf

*Family income disregard





Medicaid for Children with Disabilities

- Disabled Children's Program[®]
 - Nursing home level of care



https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/generalinfo/medicalprograms.aspx#disabled

- Family Support 360 Medicaid waiver
 - ✓ DD/ID, Age 3+, >3 Prolonged Assistance
 - ✓ Wait list



https://dhs.sd.gov/en/division-developmental-disabilities/family-support-360

*Family income disregard. Families with children living at home.





Did You Know?

- Medicaid can pay for diapers, pull-ups and wipes for children ages three and above with disabilities.
- Strengthening Families Program can reimburse costs of diapers and wipes.

Dr. order needed





State Programs - Dept of Human Services

- Strengthening Families Program
 - ✓ DD/ID, Age 3+, >3 Prolonged Assistance
 - Flexible funds



https://dhs.sd.gov/en/division-developmental-disabilities/general-resources

- Respite Program*
 - Families with a member with a disability
 - Adoptive families
 - Funds only, does not supply respite providers

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Centers for Independent Living



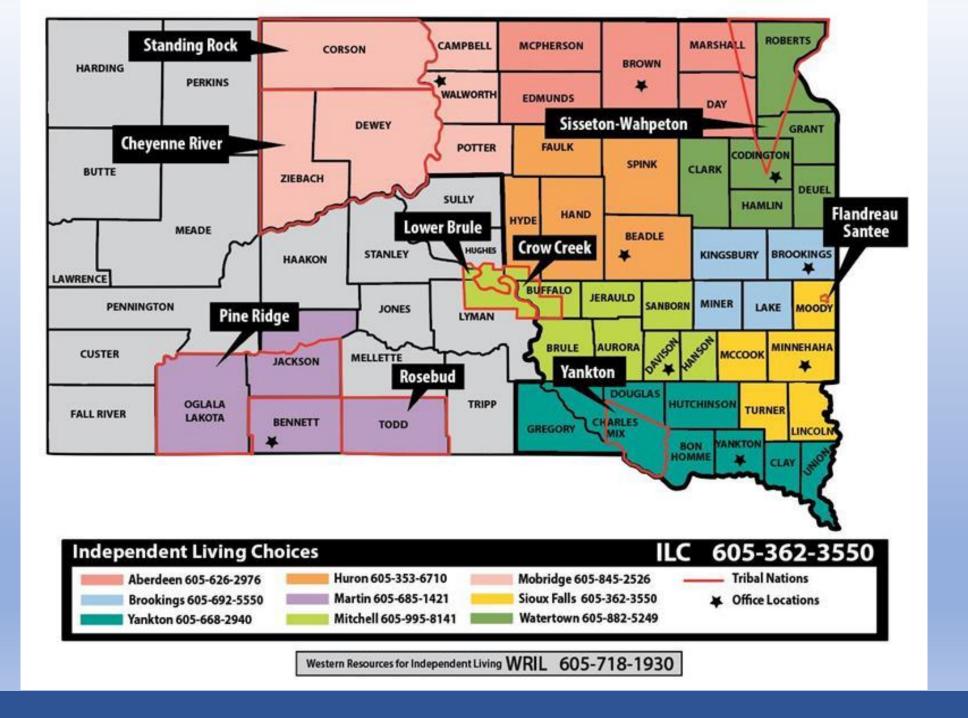
CILs provide programs to support individuals so they can <u>remain in</u> their homes:

- Adaptive devices program
- Advocacy
- Assistive daily living services
- Home / vehicle modification
- Independent living skills
- Information and referral services
- Peer support program
- Summer youth transition program
- Telecommunication adaptive devices
- Other programs



Opening doors for people with disabilities







State Programs - DHS



Hearing Aid/Cochlear Implant Assistance, TED

https://dhs.sd.gov/en/get-help-with-hearing-or-communication

• (Guardianship) Establishment Program

https://dhs.sd.gov/en/learn-about-establishing-guardianship/financial-assistance-to-become-a-guardian-for-a-vulnerable-adult



State Programs - DSS



- Special Needs Car Seats*
 - https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/childsafetyseat/
- Childcare subsidies, Special Needs Reimbursement Rates
- Advanced Special Needs Child Care Program
 https://dss.sd.gov/childcare/childcareassistance/
- Premium Assistance Program*

https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/MEDSRVCS/MS 07 Premium Assistance.pdf



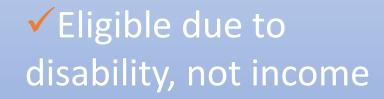
^{*}Family income disregard.

State Program - Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)

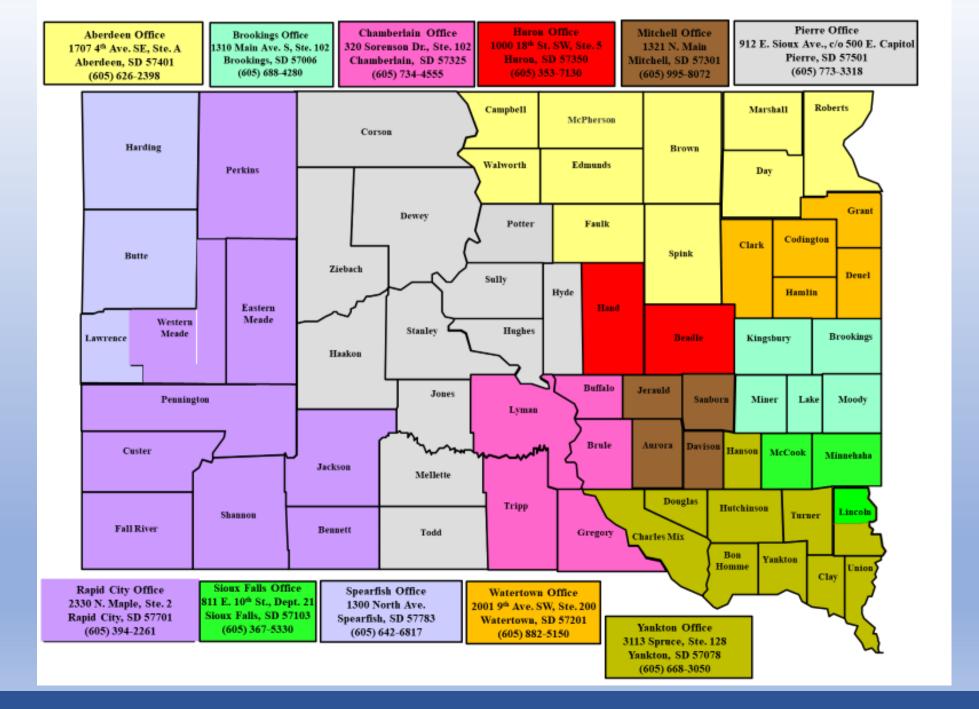
Services may include

- VR counseling
- Physical / mental restoration
- Vocational training
- Financial support for some expenses
- Transportation
- Interpreter services
- Job search assistance
- Job coaching
- Assistive technology
- Self-employment services
- Transition services for YWD, Project Skills, Project Search











Financing Unmet Needs - Private Entities

- Realtors for Kids referral
- Shriner's Hospitals
- Service Groups
- Disability Organizations
- RMH, CMN, more...









SD Parent Connection. Here to Help!

- Free to families and professionals
- No eligibility or documentation requirements
- No identifying child/family information needed from professionals
- Confidential, Knowledgeable, and Statewide

Reach us at 800-640-4553, on our <u>Facebook page</u>, or on <u>our website</u>.





Thank You for your Participation!

We look forward to working with you. Enjoy the conference and safe travels home.

Please complete the evaluation form and leave behind!

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