

South Dakota Adult Services/Resources

Before a student turns 16 years of age, school staff are required to invite potential adult service providers to IEP meetings. If you feel your child may need or benefit from these services following high school graduation (or earlier), advise school personnel to invite them to the IEP meeting.

_____ **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. **1-605-773-3195 <http://dhs.sd.gov/drs/>**

_____ **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. **1-605-773-4644 <http://dhs.sd.gov/sbvi/>**

_____ **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 226-7231, Sioux Falls Office 330-4334, Huron Office (800) 568-1952, Rapid City Office 342-1819, Watertown Office 886-8284, Yankton 665-6801, or Toll-Free 1-800-772-1213**

_____ **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. **OIL - Aberdeen 626-2976 or 1-800-406-2649, PFCIL - Sioux Falls 1-800-947-3770 or 367-5630, WRDI – Rapid City 1-888-434-4943 or 718-1930, NAAP/TTH – Winner 1-800-303-3975 or 842-3977**

_____ **Mental Health Centers.** Provide a full range of mental health services, including: emergency care, evaluations, case management, consultation, and outpatient care. **Pierre 1-800-265-9684 or 773-5991 www.state.sd.us/dhs/dmh/cmhclist.htm**

_____ **Department of Labor (formerly SD Career Centers).** Can provide job listings and help with making applications and employer contacts. **14 main offices & 4 satellite offices in SD - www.state.sd.us/applications/LD01DOL/**

_____ **Assistive Technology.** DakotaLink 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. **Sturgis 347-4467, Aberdeen 380-9790, Sioux Falls 334-9099, Brookings 692-7275, Rapid City 1-800-645-0673 or 394-6742. <http://dakotalink.tie.net/content/default.htm>**

_____ **Adjustment Training Centers (ATC).** ATC'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://www.state.sd.us/dhs/dd/division/atcslst.htm> **Division of Developmental Disabilities – 773-3438**

_____ **Advocacy Services.** S.D. Advocacy Services provides services such as information and referral, advocates, client assistance program for adults with disabilities, self-advocacy training and more. www.sdadvocacy.com **224-8294, 1-800-658-4872**

_____ **Resource Coordinator.** The Division of Developmental Disabilities employs statewide Resource Coordinators to assist individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in accessing services. **Division of Developmental Disabilities – Debra Peterson 773-3438, Family Support 360/PLANS – Brooke Lusk 1-800-224-5336**

_____ **Health service providers.** Can be provided by public health nurses or other health care providers depending on individual student needs.

_____ **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. **Disability Coordinators: NSU - Karen Gerety 626-2371, Presentation College – Kristi Morrison 229-8493, SDSU – Nancy Crooks 688-4504, Lake Area Vo-Tech – Jeannie True 886-5284, Ext. 216, USD – Ernetta Fox 1-877-269-6837, BHSU – Mike McNeil 642-6622, Dakota State – Keith Bundy 886-6777, DWU-Amanda Welch 995-2904.**

_____ **Employers.** Can offer job sites for work-based learning, Project Skills program, or provide information on what work habits and skill levels are needed for certain kinds of work.

_____ **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. **SD Advocacy, Pierre 224-8294, DHS Guardianship Program, 773-5990**

_____ **SD CARES.** Caring, Advancement, Respect, Education and Solutions for families and individuals living with disabilities. Serves persons with disabilities of all ages across the state. Services include developmental delay screenings for toddlers, respite and adult day services, family caregiver training, recycled durable medical equipment, hearing aids, and a farm safety program. <http://www.southdakotacares.org> **Ann Busch, Exec. Dir., 224-5879**

_____ **Communication Services for the Deaf (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. **Sioux Falls 1-800-643-6410 or 339-6718**