Children & Down Syndrome

Early Identification and Intervention
Birth to Three Connections
https://doe.sd.gov/birthto3/
800-305-3064
Statewide early intervention services, at no cost, for children from birth to age three who have a disability or a developmental delay.

Education Services
Federal laws ensure that a child with a disability receives a free and appropriate public education.
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) www.parentcenterhub.org/lg1/
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 www.pacer.org/parent/504/

LifeScape
www.lifescapecsd.org
605-444-9500, Sioux Falls
605-791-7400, Rapid City
Evaluations, outpatient services, and trainings.

USD Sanford School of Medicine, Center for Disabilities
www.usd.edu/cd
605-357-1437, Sioux Falls
Clinics, evaluations, training, and services.

Family Support and Connection
New Directions Down Syndrome Association
http://newdirectionsdsa.com/index.php
605-610-8026, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota
Information, events, resources, and support for families.

Independent Living Choices
www.ilcchoices.org
605-362-3550, 1-800-947-3770
Information and referral services, adaptive devices program, independent and community living services, and youth peer support and transition programs.

SD Parent Connection
www.sdparent.org
800-640-4553
Information, resources and support for families and professionals. Assists families and professionals to understand and navigate the special education process at no charge.

Ups of Downs Family Support Group
https://upsofdowns.org
605-348-1358, Rapid City
Provides educational, charitable, recreational, and social events for individuals with Down syndrome and their family and friends.

Western Resources for Independent Living
www.wril.org
605-718-1930, 1-888-434-4943
Information and referral services, adaptive devices program, independent and community living services, and youth peer support and transition programs.
- Serves Pennington, Meade, Lawrence, Butte, Custer, Fall River, Stanley, Sully, Hughes, Jones, Lyman, Mellette, Tripp, Harding, Perkins, Haakon, and northern Jackson counties.

Financial Assistance Programs
Family Support 360 Program, SD Department of Human Services
Assists children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families with service coordination, a wide array of services and potential access to Medicaid for the eligible child. Contact Family Support 360 providers directly to apply,
https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/March%202020%20FS%20Providers%20List.pdf

Questions on where to start? SD Parent Connection is here to help! 800-640-4553 or sdpc@sdparent.org
If your family does not live in South Dakota, contact SD Parent Connection for information on resources in your state.
Strengthening Families Program
https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/SFS_application.pdf
800-265-9684
Assists families who have a child with a developmental disability, across the lifespan, living in the home. A flexible pool of limited funds is available to families, regardless of income, for assistance with unmet needs.

Medicaid, SD Department of Social Services
https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/
877-999-5612, Eligibility 800-597-1603, Claim Insurance for low income children and youth.

Medicaid Non-Emergency Transport Assistance
https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/recipients/transportation.aspx
866-403-1433
Medicaid recipients may receive transport assistance or reimbursement of travel expenses.

SD Council on Developmental Disabilities
https://dhs.sd.gov/cdd.aspx
A financial resource for families to assist with attending trainings and more.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children, Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov/ssi
800-772-1213
SSI is a Federal income supplement program designed to help low income individuals who are aged, blind or have disabilities.

Additional Resources
American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org
Information and resources for professionals.

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.healthychildren.org
Information and resources for families.

Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network
www.dsdiagnosisnetwork.org
Information and resources for families and professionals.

Down Syndrome Resource Foundation
www.dsrf.org/
Information and resources for families.

eParent
www.eparent.com
Information and resources for families.

National Down Syndrome Congress
www.ndsccenter.org
800-232-NDSC (6372)
Information and resources for families.

National Down Syndrome Society
www.ndss.org
800-221-4602
Information and resources for families.

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