



Children and Down Syndrome

Early Identification and Intervention

[Birth to Three Connections](#)

(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 \(IDEA\)](#)
- [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973](#)

[LifeScope](#)

(605) 444-9700, Sioux Falls

(605) 791-7400, Rapid City

Evaluations, outpatient services, and trainings.

[USD Sanford School of Medicine, Center for Disabilities](#)

(605) 357-1437, Sioux Falls

Clinics, evaluations, training, and services.

Family Support and Connection

[South Dakota Parent Connection](#)

(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.

[New Directions Down Syndrome Association](#)

(605) 610-8026, South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota

Information, events, resources, and support for families.

[Ups of Downs Family Support Group](#)

(605) 348-1358, Rapid City

Provides educational, charitable, recreational, and social events for individuals with Down syndrome and their family and friends.

[Independent Living Choices](#)

(605) 362-3550, (800) 947-3770

Information and referral services, adaptive devices program, independent and community living services, and youth peer support and transition program.

[Western Resources for Independent Living](#)

(605) 718-1930, (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](#)

(800) 265-9684

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.

Additional Resources

[Strengthening Families Program](#)

(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](#)

Eligibility: (877) 999-5612

Claim: (800) 597-1603

Insurance for low income children and youth.

[Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Travel](#)

(866) 403-1433

Medicaid recipients may receive transport assistance or reimbursement of travel expenses.

[SD Council on Developmental Disabilities](#)

(605) 773-6369

A financial resource for families to assist with attending trainings and more.

[Supplemental Security Income \(SSI\) for Children, Social Security Administration](#)

(800) 772-1213

SSI is a Federal income supplement program designed to help low income individuals who are aged, blind or have disabilities.

[American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#)

Information and resources for professionals.

[American Academy of Pediatrics Parenting \(AAP\)](#)

Information and resources for families.

[Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network](#)

Information and resources for families and professionals.

[Down Syndrome Resource Foundation](#)

Information and resources for families.

[eParent](#)

Information and resources for families.

[National Down Syndrome Congress](#)

(800) 232-NDSC (6372)

Information and resources for families.

[National Down Syndrome Society](#)

(800) 221-4602

Information and resources for families.



South Dakota Parent Connection is here to help!
(800) 640-4553 or sdpc@sdparent.org