



SOUTH DAKOTA

## Parent Connection

*Resources for families of children with disabilities.*

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### Day for Parents of Children Who Are Deaf Or Hard Of Hearing- Saturday, February 1

#### 9 AM - 12 PM: The 4 E's of Raising a Deaf or Hard of Hearing Child

Families will learn about different concepts (Expose, Educate, Embrace, and Elevate) and how they tie into families and their deaf & hard of hearing children's lives. During the workshop, topics around language and how it is a factor for self identity and development will be expanded on by including evidence-based Clerc Center resources. Presenter: Stacy Abrams  
Location: USD Center for Disabilities, 1400 W. 22nd Street, Sioux Falls  
(Childcare offered during this time)

#### 12 PM - 1 PM: Lunch on Own

#### 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM: Let's Play

Time to hang out and visit with one another at Rainbow Play Systems  
Location: Rainbow Midwest, 2801 S. Carolyn Ave, Sioux Falls

[Flyer](#)  
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*SD Parent Connection offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th.*

### Lunch & Learn Session- Tuesday, Feb 11 from 12pm CT/11am MT

#### Changes & Updates to Family Support 360 and Strengthening Families Programs

Join this session to learn about the Family Support 360 Program and Strengthening Families Program (formerly known as Statewide Family Support) from Director Darryl Millner and Waiver Administration Jaze Sollars, SD Dept of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

## **Ways to Join**

### **In-person**

Sioux Falls SDPC Office (presenter in-person) 3701 West 49th Street, Suite 102  
Rapid City SDPC Office (hosted site) 2310 North Maple Ave

**Live Online-** Join live online via computer or your cell phone.

<https://sdparent.adobeconnect.com/sdparentconnection/>

**Recorded Online-** View current and past recorded sessions online anytime by visiting [www.sdparent.org](http://www.sdparent.org) under Online Training.

*[Registration](#) encouraged, but not required*

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## **Training Series for Those Caring For or Working with Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing- Tuesday, February 18 (Session 3)**

### **Services and Supports: How To Navigate Systems**

Learn about the resources that are in place to support families.

Presenters: Multiple providers.

**6:30-8:30pm CT / 5:30-7:30pm MT**

*Attend live online (link sent after registration) or attend in-person*

Rapid City- SDPC Office, 2310 N Maple Ave

Sioux Falls- SDPC Office, 3701 W 49th St, Ste 102

Aberdeen- K.O. Lee Public Library, Community Room 110, 215 4th Ave SE

**Register at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5285DB](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H5285DB)**

Contact Teresa Nold with questions/comments: [tnold@sdparent.org](mailto:tnold@sdparent.org) or 800-640-4553.

*Presented by SD Parent Connection and SD EHDI Collaborative.*

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## **South Dakota Research Survey- Children's Well-Being: The Child's Perspective**

There is a new research project through the University of South Dakota exploring children's perceptions of their own well-being. Children will be interviewed while engaged in fun activities in small groups, or individually. Occupational therapists will modify the interview process to meet your child's needs, which may include 1-3 visits of 1 hour or less, at a location of your preference.

For children ages 8-13 years with developmental, behavioral or emotional needs.

If interested, please contact Barb Brockevelt at 605-658-6358 or email at [Barb.Brockevelt@usd.edu](mailto:Barb.Brockevelt@usd.edu).

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## **Autism Family Support Group- Sioux Falls**

Meetings held **February 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12** from 6:30-8pm at USD Health Sciences Center, 1400 W. 22nd Street, Room 126.

A welcoming environment for parents/caregivers of children & adults with ASD to meet, share experiences, ask questions, and receive support. While you attend, your child/teen/adult can participate in a fun activity. Siblings welcome! For child/youth attendance, check in from 6-6:30 PM.

Pre-registration required!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/usd-center-for-disabilities-11786709432>

Contact Letty for more information: (605) 357-1418 or [letty.thelen@usd.edu](mailto:letty.thelen@usd.edu)

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## New Autism Guidance For Pediatricians

New year, New Guidance for pediatricians... while this clinical report was released in 2019 in *Pediatrics*, it is NEW and serves as the first AAP update in a decade for pediatricians as to screening, diagnosis and treatment guidelines for Autism. While this report is intended to guide pediatricians, it is equally as important to guide families in what to expect, what to seek and how to better partner with providers for our kiddos!

[Identification, Evaluation, and Management of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder](#) (Pediatrics)

[Pediatricians Get New Guidance on Autism](#) (Overview of report from Disability Scoop)

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## Free Webinar Series: Planning a Good Life Using The Charting The LifeCourse Framework



All sessions 12 PM- 1 PM CT/ 11 AM-12 PM MT

Session #2- Wednesday, March 18

Safety & Security - Staying safe and secure - emergencies, well-being, guardianship options, legal rights and issues.

Session #3- Wednesday, May 27

Daily Life & Employment- What a person does as part of everyday life- including school, work, routines, communication, and life skills

Session #4 Wednesday, July 22: Citizenship & Advocacy

Session #5 Wednesday, Sept. 23: Community Living

Session #6 Wednesday, Nov. 18: Social & Spirituality

Session #7 Wednesday, Jan 13, 2021: Healthy Living

Register at: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-mpqjluKQnZxv1OzGkKLiDVM\\_CMfw](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-mpqjluKQnZxv1OzGkKLiDVM_CMfw)

For Information: [kimberly.percival@state.sd.us](mailto:kimberly.percival@state.sd.us) or 605-773-3438



### Sibshop- Saturday, March 21

10 AM - 1 PM

LifeScape- 2501 West 26th Street, Sioux Falls

Sibshops are a FREE program designed for siblings (ages 6 to 12) who have a brother or sister with special needs or a disability. Sibshops are a time to build friendships, have fun, do recreational activities and share feelings with others who really know what it is like to have a sibling with a disability. We also have lunch together during Sibshops.

*We will be swimming for the first part of this Sibshop. Your child/ren may wear*

their swimming gear or can change in the locker rooms near the pool area.  
Please have them pack clothes to wear after swimming. Also, don't forget a towel!

For questions and/or to register your child/ren  
[Register online](#) / 605-361-3171 / [sdpc@sdparent.org](mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org)

### More Activities Posted On Our [Events Calendar](#)

	<a href="#">Click Here For Transition Services Liaison Project Statewide Training Opportunities</a>	Statewide
Jan 30- Feb 1	<b>Tribal Schools: The Future of Indian Education</b> OSEC Conference, held during Dakota Oyate Challenge. 10a-4pm Jan 30. 9am-4pm Jan 31. Topics include ACTS School Board training, parent training, special education, OLPA classroom mgmt, gifted/talented. Registration \$150. Contact Chris at 605-441-2738 or <a href="mailto:cgbordeaux@hotmail.com">cgbordeaux@hotmail.com</a> for further information. Presentation proposals invited.	Huron
Feb 1	<b>Early Literacy Workshop For In-Home Childcare Providers</b> Qualified Attendees Receive \$200 Stipend. 9am-4pm with an hour break for lunch on your own. Register at: <a href="http://sdsfec.org/earlyliteracy">sdsfec.org/earlyliteracy</a>	Rapid City
Feb 5	<b>Moms with ADHD, Unite! How to Shape a Peaceful, Organized Life for You and Your Kids</b> 12pm CT/11am MT. Sign up and you will receive the free webinar replay link <a href="#">Register</a>	Webinar
Feb 5	<b>Aberdeen Area Autism Spectrum Disorder Parent Support Group</b> 7pm, K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library, Community Room 110. Visit <a href="http://www.facebook.com/AberdeenAreaASDParentSupportGroup">www.facebook.com/AberdeenAreaASDParentSupportGroup</a>	Aberdeen
Feb 8	<b>Trauma Informed Practices</b> Training ideal for people who work directly with children and youth everyday; teachers, paraprofessionals, counselors, administrators, secretaries, and childcare providers. <a href="#">Flyer and Registration Information</a>	Aberdeen
Feb 11	<b>What's New and Trending in Special Education Law and Why It Matters</b> 2:30-1:45pm MT/1:30am-2:45pm CT. Register at <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3877910844391487747">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3877910844391487747</a>	Webinar
Feb 21	<b>Project SEARCH Applications Due February 21, 2020</b> Project SEARCH is a unique business-led transition program for students with disabilities. Students who want to work have the chance to explore careers and develop transferable job skills. The goal of the Project SEARCH program is competitive employment for each intern. Designed as an internship program, Project SEARCH affords students the opportunity to put employability skills into practice. For five days a week, students	Aberdeen, Brookings, Rapid City, Sioux Falls

	<p>report to the host business and learn employability skills in the classroom and job skills while participating in targeted internships. They receive support with accommodations, adaptations, and on-the-job coaching. Students who have completed all academic requirements for graduation from high school may apply for enrollment in Project SEARCH. Participants must be 18 to 21 years old. Contact the program coordinator directly for an application.</p> <p><a href="#">Project Search Sites Information</a></p>	
Feb 26	<b>Annual Disability Awareness Day at the Capitol</b>	Pierre
March 17 & 18	<p><b>South Dakota Special Education Conference</b> "It's A Game Changer" <a href="https://2020sdsped.wordpress.com/">https://2020sdsped.wordpress.com/</a></p>	Sioux Falls
April 7	<p><b>Opportunity Career Expo</b> 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Augustana University Elem Center <a href="#">Flyer for more information</a></p>	Sioux Falls
April 23-25	<p><b>SD Early Childhood Education Conference</b> "Developing Brains Matter" <a href="https://sdececonference-org.doodlekit.com/">https://sdececonference-org.doodlekit.com/</a></p>	Sioux Falls
May 27-28	<p><b>2020 SD Education Conference</b> "Strengthening Foundations &amp; Connections" <a href="https://doe.sd.gov/title/2020-conference/">https://doe.sd.gov/title/2020-conference/</a></p>	Oacoma
June 11-12	<p><b>Lighting The Way Autism Conference</b> <a href="http://www.augie.edu/lighting-way">http://www.augie.edu/lighting-way</a></p>	Sioux Falls

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email [sdpc@sdparent.org](mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org)

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or would like to be added to our distribution list, please let us know.**

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