



## 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 or special health care need receives a free and appropriate public education.

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) [www.parentcenterhub.org/lg1/](http://www.parentcenterhub.org/lg1/)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [www.pacer.org/parent/504/](http://www.pacer.org/parent/504/)

If you know or suspect a child 3 years of age or above has a disability, contact your local public school to request a free evaluation.

If you are concerned that an infant or toddler has a developmental delay, contact the statewide Birth to 3 Connections program at 800-305-3064 to request a free screening.

#### **LifeScape**

[www.lifescapesd.org](http://www.lifescapesd.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](http://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.

#### **SD Parent Connection**

[www.sdparent.org](http://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. SD Parent Connection - Family Resource Guide  
Information on local, state, and national resources to meet the needs of families raising children with special needs. Access online or request a hard copy.

#### **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.

#### **South Dakota Programs**

Family Support 360 Program, SD Department of Human Services

<https://dhs.sd.gov/developmentaldisabilities/familysupport360.aspx>

Family Support 360 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](mailto:sdpc@sdparent.org)**

If your family does not live in South Dakota, contact SD Parent Connection for information on resources in your state.



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### Strengthening Families Program

[https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/SFS\\_application.pdf](https://dhs.sd.gov/docs/SFS_application.pdf)  
800-265-9684

Strengthening Families Program 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](http://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](http://www.aap.org)  
Information and resources for professionals.

#### American Academy of Pediatrics

[www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org)  
Information and resources for families.

#### Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network

[www.dsdiagnosisnetwork.org](http://www.dsdiagnosisnetwork.org)  
Information and resources for families and professionals.

#### Down Syndrome Resource Foundation

[www.dsrp.org/](http://www.dsrp.org/)  
Information and resources for families.

#### eParent

[www.eparent.com](http://www.eparent.com)  
Information and resources for families.

#### National Down Syndrome Congress

[www.ndscenter.org](http://www.ndscenter.org)  
800-232-NDSC (6372)  
Information and resources for families.

#### National Down Syndrome Society

[www.ndss.org](http://www.ndss.org)  
800-221-4602  
Information and resources for families.

#### NeedyMeds, Inc.

[www.needy meds.org](http://www.needy meds.org)  
800-503-6897  
Information about many sources of medication and health care cost assistance programs.

#### United Healthcare Children's Foundation

[www.uhccf.org](http://www.uhccf.org)  
952-992-4459  
Provides grants to help pay for medical services and equipment, therapies, surgeries, prescription medications, wheelchairs, orthotics, eye glasses and hearing aids.

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