Children and Hearing

**Evaluation and Identification**

Pediatric Audiology Clinics offering comprehensive diagnostic testing:

- **Avera McKennan Hospital Audiology Clinic**
  Sioux Falls, 605-332-5039

- **Avera Medical Group Ear, Nose and Throat**
  Yankton, 605-665-6820

- **Avera St. Luke’s Hospital**
  Aberdeen - Teleaudiology Site, 605-622-5000

- **Sanford Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic**
  Sioux Falls, 605-328-8200

- **South Dakota School for the Deaf - West River Clinic**
  Rapid City, 605-791-7839

- **USD Scottish Rite Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic**
  Vermillion, 605-677-5474

- **Winner Regional Healthcare Center**
  Winner - Teleaudiology Site, 605-842-7100

- **All Pediatric Audiology Clinics in SD**
  [https://doh.sd.gov/family/assets/AudClinics.pdf](https://doh.sd.gov/family/assets/AudClinics.pdf)

**Newborn Hearing Screening Program, SD Department of Health**

[https://doh.sd.gov/family/newborn/hearing/](https://doh.sd.gov/family/newborn/hearing/)
605-773-3361
Information and resources for medical professionals and families.

**Early Intervention**

- **Birth to Three Connections**
  [https://doe.sd.gov/birthto3/](https://doe.sd.gov/birthto3/)
  800-305-3064
  Statewide services for children from birth to age three who have a disability or developmental delay at no cost.

**South Dakota School for the Deaf (SDSD)**

[https://sddeaf.org/](https://sddeaf.org/)
Sioux Falls, 605-367-5200
Consultation to families and educational teams statewide; comprehensive student evaluations including audiology; and serves as a resource for families & schools by providing a specialist in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children at no cost.

**USD Sanford School of Medicine Center for Disabilities Deaf-Blind Program**

[www.usd.edu/medicine/center-for-disabilities/deaf-blind-program](www.usd.edu/medicine/center-for-disabilities/deaf-blind-program)
Sioux Falls, 800-658-3080
Provides technical assistance, training and resources statewide to families and service providers of children (birth to 21) with varying levels of both hearing and vision loss at no cost.

**Education Services**

Federal laws ensure that a child with a disability receives a free and appropriate public education. SD Parent Connection assists families understand and navigate the special education process at no charge.

**Family Support and Connection**

American Society for Deaf Children - South Dakota
Facebook page with information, resources and support for South Dakota families and professionals.

Hands & Voices – South Dakota
[www.facebook.com/groups/2353473104915865/](www.facebook.com/groups/2353473104915865/)
Facebook page with information, resources and support for South Dakota families.

**SD Parent Connection**

[www.sdparent.org](www.sdparent.org)
800-640-4553
Information, resources and support for families.

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.
Financial Assistance Programs
Cochlear Implant Program, SD Department of Human Services (SD DHS)
https://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/deafservices.aspx
800-265-9679, 605-688-4224
Provides financial assistance for the cost of implant surgery for one ear or both ears, one or two implant devices, surgeon and hospital fees, initial mapping and up to a maximum of 12 follow up mappings within one-year post surgery.

Hearing Aid Assistance Program (HAAP), SD DHS
https://dhs.sd.gov/rehabservices/deafservices.aspx
800-265-9679, 605-688-4224
HAAP will help with the cost of hearing aid(s) and associated ear mold(s) for South Dakota children, younger than 19, with progressive or permanent hearing loss who would benefit from hearing aid(s).

The HIKE Fund, Inc.
www.thehikefund.org
712-325-0812
Provides financial assistance for hearing devices for children between the ages of newborn and twenty years whose parents are unable to meet this special need financially.

United Healthcare Children’s Foundation
www.uhccf.org
855-698-4223
Provides grants to help pay for medical services and equipment, therapies, counseling services, surgeries, prescription medications, wheelchairs, orthotics, eye glasses and hearing aids.

Community Resources
Communication Service for the Deaf
www.csdssouthdakota.org
605-593-9394
Provides support services statewide for deaf and hard of hearing South Dakotans at no cost. Services provided in person and through video, from offices in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Aberdeen.

USD Scottish Rite Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic
www.usd.edu/arts-and-sciences/communication-sciences-and-disorders/clinics.cfm
Sioux Falls, 605-336-7561
Vermillion, 605-677-5474
Offers evaluation, treatment and consultation services for children with speech, language, hearing and related communication needs.

Additional Resources - Virtual
AG Bell
www.agbell.org
Provides families support, resources and information.

American Society for Deaf Children
http://deafchildren.org/
Provides support to families with deaf children through mentoring, advocacy, resources and collaborative networks.

CDC Parent’s Guide to Hearing Loss
www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/hearingloss/parentsguide/index.html

Hands and Voices
www.handsandvoices.org
Provides families of children who are deaf or hard of hearing information and support.

Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center
www3.gallaudet.edu/clerc-center.html
Supports professionals and families with free resources, training, and evidence-based information to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children from birth through high school.

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SD Parent Connection
Connecting families caring for children with special needs ages Birth-26 to information, training, resources and support
www.sdparent.org