

## South Dakota Parent Connection

# FILE



## FOLDER OF INFORMATION OF LIFE EXPERIENCES

Keeping records is essential for families of children with special needs. Keeping organized records will pay dividends in navigating systems and empowering you to advocate for your child. The Folder of Information of Life Experiences (FILE) was developed through a collaborative effort to assist families in organizing information when working with professionals who serve your child. The FILE is a compact, portable storage for your child's records.

The record keeping system helps sort and retrieve information related to: Family Records, Developmental History, Medical Therapies, IFSP/IEP, Letters/Contact Information, Evaluation/Consents, Respite Care/Child Care, Transition and Legal and Life Planning.

The FILE is provided to families at no cost.

“The FILE system is an excellent organizational tool for parents. They are able to keep important documents and dates at their fingertips and because of the size of the FILE, it’s easy to carry along to meetings and appointments. Since the FILE allows important information to be readily available, those specifics can be shared, as needed, at a moment’s notice. **We all know knowledge is power!** And, I am so impressed with how this FILE system supports parents in being organized and effective advocates for their child and family. I am thankful for this resource as a parent, and I am also proud to provide a FILE to families I work with. I have seen this SDPC resource make a real difference in the lives of families in South Dakota.”

**Parent  
and Early Intervention Professional**

To request a FILE for your family or a family you serve, please contact



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of children with disabilities.*

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