

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

1:30pm – 4:00 pm CST

Join Zoom Meeting

To Join by Video

<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/96992837808?pwd=S2R4V2JYZExKRE5KajBueE42cEtpQT09>

Meeting ID: 969 9283 7808

Passcode: 333424

To Join by Audio Only

1.312.626.6799

Use Meeting ID and Passcode Above

-
1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum
 2. Adoption of Agenda
 3. Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2020 Board Meeting
 4. DSS COVID-19 Pandemic and Helping Families – Laurie Gill
 - Special Populations Testing and Vaccinations – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 - American Rescue Plan – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 - CARES Act Provider Relief Grants – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 5. Legislative Updates – Laurie Gill
 - Budget Changes
 - Provider Rate Increases – Tiffany Wolfgang and Pamela Bennett
 - FTE – Program Specialist for Adoption – Pamela Bennett
 - Peer Recovery Supports (HB 1151) – Laura Ringling
 - Mental Health Supports for First Responders (HB 1064) – Laura Ringling
 - Reauthorize the Mental Health Services Delivery Task Force (HCR 6008) – Laura Ringling
 - Crisis Stabilization Unit (SB 144) – Laura Ringling
 - Behavioral and Mental Health Service Support in Crisis Stabilization (SB 186) – Laura Ringling
 - Amendment to the Confidentiality Law (SB 5) – Pamela Bennett
 - Professional Licensing Boards (HB 1014 and HB 1077) – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 - Meetings Conducted by Teleconference (HB 1127) – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 - Permit a Government Agency to Qualify for Restitution in Criminal Cases (SB 7) – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 6. Behavioral Health – Tiffany Wolfgang
 - 988 Planning Grant
 - Appropriate Regional Facilities Update
 - 605 Strong Update/Natural Disaster Grant Activity Updates
 - Two New Programs Funded via State Opioid Response Grant

- Bethany Christian Services – ReNew Program
 - Oxford House – Peer Based Recovery Housing
 - Other Updates
7. Children and Family Services – Virgena Wieseler
 - Internal Capacity/Readiness Assessment of CPS – Pamela Bennett
 - Stronger Families Together Launch Event – Pamela Bennett
 - Commission on Child Support Update – Gail Stoltenburg
 - Other Updates
 8. Board Member Orientation – Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger
 9. Weatherization State Plan – Carrie Johnson and Dave Gall
 10. Child Care State Plan – Carrie Johnson
 11. Future Agenda Items
 12. Public Comment
 13. Establish Next Meeting Date
 14. Adjourn

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

1:30pm – 4:00 pm CST

Join Zoom Meeting

To Join by Video

<https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/94858903864?pwd=Sm1hczl2K3NKVjAwZmR6aW52dE1sZz09>

Meeting ID: 948 5890 3864

Passcode: 413559

To Join by Audio Only

1.312.626.6799

Use Meeting ID and Passcode Above

Board Members Present: Hugh Grogan; Holly Bodenstedt; Linda Wordeman; Jesse Ronning; Patricia Johnson.

Board Members Absent: Barbara Garcia; Cecelia Fire Thunder.

Others Present: Laurie Gill, DSS Cabinet Secretary; Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, DSS Deputy Secretary and Chief of Operations; Tiffany Wolfgang, Director of Behavioral Health; Virgena Wieseler, Chief of Children and Family Services; Bill Snyder, Director of Medical Services; Jeremy Lippert, Director of Legal Services; Sara Sheppick, Deputy Director of Child Protection Services; Jolynn Bostrom, Child Protection Services Program Specialist; Marilyn Kinsman, Senior Policy Analyst, DSS.

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum: Grogan called the meeting to order at 1:42 PM (CDT) and determined a quorum.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Wordeman, seconded by Bodenstedt. The Board voted by roll call. Grogan, Bodenstedt, Wordeman, Ronning voted aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2020 Board Meeting: Motion to approve minutes by Bodenstedt, seconded by Wordeman. The Board voted by roll call. Grogan, Bodenstedt, Wordeman, Ronning voted aye. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update – HSC: DSS Cabinet Secretary Laurie Gill provided an update on how the Department of Social Services has continued to serve individuals throughout the public health pandemic over the past six months. State offices were closed but staff worked remotely to get services to the folks we serve with little interruption. Core staff required presence at the office and field offices were initially opened for a couple days a week. Six months later, as a Department we learned to do our jobs virtually and have made the decision to continue in this way throughout this health emergency. Some staff will continue to work remotely while other staff will return to the office setting. The Department is being thoughtful as we analyze how we can continue to effectively work remotely, and we are rolling that out now. We are tracking programs and ensuring services are provided, finding some programs where services increased and others where services decreased. There may be a lag in claims submitted so services may adjust over the next six months.

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger represents the Department on a special population's workgroup. This workgroup consists of multiple state agencies and is in existence to ensure there are entities to support testing and provide support for providers that serve special populations. The workgroup meets weekly to ensure South Dakota entities have what is needed to serve special populations and can manage COVID-19 in their facilities.

The Department received targeted federal dollars to help people during the public health emergency. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits for those recipient households that were not receiving the maximum allotment received program benefits during the public health emergency at the highest amount. As of the end of October, over \$25 million was provided to help South Dakotans who were struggling with food costs, get a much-needed boost. We also started allowing SNAP recipients to purchase food online at authorized SNAP retailers. Recipients use their Electronic Benefit Transaction card (EBT) to make online purchases through Amazon or Walmart and between the two entities, recipients have purchased over \$600,000 of food online.

Families who lost access to free or reduced-price school meals received assistance with food costs in response to COVID-19 related school closures. Extra dollars went into accounts and since June 19, over \$16.5 million has been issued to 28,000 South Dakota households.

Daycare and child care are the back bone of our economy in South Dakota. The Department awarded more than \$3 million to child care providers in response to the COVID-19 pandemic as part of ongoing efforts to support South Dakota families. Funds assist providers with ongoing costs and new pandemic-related expenses. We need this structure in place so parents, emergency workers, health care workers, and other frontline workers can go to work.

The Division of Behavioral Health worked with the 211 Helpline to help people deal with stress, and there has been over 6,000 contacts through the month of September. The Department has also provided additional dollars to help people with mental health and substance use needs.

Jeremy Johnson, Administrator of the Human Services Center (HSC), provided a COVID-19 update for HSC. All staff continue to self-screen prior to each shift. HSC is piloting thermal scanning devices to measure temperatures upon entrance and staff receive a printed sticker indicating clearance to enter the building. Patients continue to be screened prior to admission, at admission, and daily for symptoms and vitals check. Limited visitation to the nursing home continues in accordance with CMS guidance. The isolation unit remains activated, treating people on emergency holds or commitments admitted to HSC. The Center has avoided campus spread of the virus to patients. Currently, there is an uptick in census with statewide cases going up and an uptick in staff positives with community spread. When a staff positive is identified, internal contact tracing is completed, the unit is placed on precautions to limit traffic, and patients are restricted to the unit. Testing is done weekly in the nursing home while the rest of the campus is doing point of prevalence testing. There is an emergency staffing plan in place in the event it needs to be activated. If there is a disruption in the dietary operations, there is an emergency food plan. Availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has improved and supplies continue to be managed. Employee Assistance Program (EAP) services are offered to staff on a regular basis to assist in managing prolonged stress. To help with prevention and treatment efforts, HSC also continues to look at physical improvements to the campus. Bi-weekly communication continues with staff regarding numbers or changes in guidance. Virtual

town hall meetings are held weekly and information is shared on a regular basis if there are changes to policy or practices as related to COVID-19.

DSS Organizational Enhancements Update: Laurie Gill provided an update regarding high-level organizational changes the Department has implemented. In addition to the management team, a seven-member executive team was created and now there is only one deputy secretary, Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger. Brenda is also Chief of Operations overseeing all the operational needs of the Department and provides oversight for the new Office of Licensing and Accreditation. A communications area was created and is run by Max Wetz as the Administrator of Communications. Jeremy Lippert became the Director of Legal Services and Laura Ringling is now the Chief of Behavioral Health which consists of HSC, community behavioral health, and correctional behavioral health. A Division of Children and Family Services was created with Child Support, Child Protection and Economic Assistance making up this division. Virgena Wieseler is the Chief of Children and Family Services. Bill Snyder is the Director of Medical Services. Laurie Mikkonen remains Chief of Finance.

Medical Services Update: Director of Medical Services Bill Snyder shared information about the comprehensive review of South Dakota's Medicaid structure and strategy, provided updates on telemedicine and automation and outcomes of the innovation grants.

- **Comprehensive Review of SD Medicaid Structure and Strategy:** The Division of Medical Services has undertaken an independent review of the Medicaid program to ensure smart use of resources and that quality services are provided to South Dakotans. Thirteen firms from across the country responded and the award went to a national consulting firm that offers expertise in Medicaid program design. Work is underway. The consultants are gathering input from internal and external stakeholders and will present recommendations by the end of the year.
- **Telemedicine Update:** Telemedicine was a covered service prior to COVID-19. In the face of the public health emergency, we found ways to continue to provide services when it's not advisable to go to the clinic. To address COVID-19, Medicaid expanded the types of services that can be provided via telehealth to include well-child visits, therapy services, teledentistry, and remote patient monitoring. These expanded services are effective through the end of the Public Health Emergency as declared by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Telemedicine claims reached a high of 10,240 claims in May 2020.
- **Automation Update:** The number of provider calls coming into the Telephone Service Unit has decreased with information now available online. Additionally, portal claims submissions are increasing while paper claims submissions are decreasing.
- **Innovation Grant Report:** Funding of \$1 million was approved by the Legislature for the purpose of innovation grants and three projects were awarded \$333,000 each. Avera helps pregnant women in South Dakota who are diagnosed with gestational diabetes by providing remote blood sugar monitoring, specialized test strips and video visits with a diabetic educator. Native Women's Health Care helps patients by linking primary and prenatal services to behavioral health services leveraging a comprehensive care team including primary care, behavioral health, and community health workers. The Center for Family Medicine provides patients with a birth center/pregnancy health home approach to provide a full array of prenatal and postnatal care. This project will also train family medicine resident physicians in innovative, evidence-based prenatal care models. Goals are similar across sections, to improve access to OB care and treatment for gestational diabetes; reduce number of c-sections, birth complications, infant mortality and other complications; increase rates of healthy babies; improve adherence rates to SUD treatment, preventive and prenatal

care; and increase number of women accessing prenatal services, wellness checks, and behavioral health services. Between January – July 2020, Avera has supported 49 women, Native Women’s Health Care served three women, and the Center for Family Medicine has supported 36 women.

Behavioral Health: Tiffany Wolfgang, Director of Behavioral Health, shared information about the behavioral health needs and gap analysis, treatment outcomes, and the suicide prevention grant.

- **Needs and Gap Analysis:** When the Board last met, the RFP had just been published. Since then, it’s been secured. The Division of Behavioral Health will oversee the study to be conducted by Human Services Research Institute (HRSI). The study team will look at both publicly and privately funded services and will review previous work on the states’ system, reaching out to interview people with experience of the system at all. HRSI is in the process of conducting interviews, listening sessions, and focus groups began in September 2020. The study will identify the number of people with behavioral health conditions in the state, the number using existing services and the locations of those services, populations that may be having a harder time accessing services, and workforce issues or shortages that are affecting service delivery. The study’s findings and recommendations will help guide the state’s planning efforts to improve outcomes for people in the state. An implementation plan will be developed after the study team produces its final report in November 2020. It is important to ensure we have comprehensive behavioral health services across the state, and we are working to ensure we are not duplicating efforts; rather, complimenting any efforts already made.
- **Treatment Outcomes:** A comprehensive report of behavioral health outcomes for treatment services in South Dakota was recently completed. An executive summary and a more in-depth report are available online so consumers and the public can view how publicly treatment agencies are performing. Each publicly funded behavioral health agency has information listed on the website. We will continue to work with treatment agencies across the state to improve outcomes of those individuals who receive services.
- **Suicide Prevention Grant:** The Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$1,200,000 (\$400,000 annually for a three-year period) for the 2020 Grants to Implement the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of this grant is to support states and communities in advancing efforts to prevent suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older. For people hospitalized due to a suicide attempt, a follow-up program will be created. The grant also helps us increase the number of health care organizations that adopt “Zero Suicide” practices and focuses on veterans not already receiving Veterans Health Administration Services. Partners for this effort include The Helpline Center, inpatient behavioral health hospitals, and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs.
- **Additional Information:** Additionally, the following handouts were provided to members: *South Dakota FY2020 Disaster Response State Grant*, *South Dakota Emergency Treatment Grant- COVID-19*; and *South Dakota Statewide COVID-19 Crisis Counseling Program*.

Legislative Activities:

- **Special Session:** Governor Noem called a Special Session for legislators to talk about \$1.3 billion the state acquired in response to COVID-19. The Administration determined the coronavirus funds could help businesses and healthcare providers across the state. As part of the proposed plan, staff in the Department of Social Services, Governor’s Office of Economic Development, and Department of Human Services worked to assist the state’s

contractor to create processes to receive and process grant applications. Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger provided an overview of the Small Business and Healthcare Provider Relief Program, which utilizes Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) dollars to assist small businesses, community-based healthcare providers, and non-profits negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The healthcare track has two programs. The Acute Care in Hospitals program will provide up to \$15 million to eligible hospitals that are licensed by the state to provide acute inpatient care. Larger hospitals, e.g., Avera, Sanford, 11 larger hospitals in the state, all critical access hospitals, specialty hospitals, etc., can apply for funding October 13-23, 2020. The first week of October, the State contracted with a firm, Guidehouse, which merged with Navigant Consulting. While the consultant has a nationally accredited healthcare team, they also have presence in South Dakota. From an application perspective, they have done webinars with all the healthcare entities. Guidehouse is providing assistance to vendors walking through the process of how to submit an application. The vendor must submit total revenue and operating expenditures to provide a snapshot of comparison from this year in comparison to last year. Vendors will also disclose federal dollars received. The calculation for awards will be based on eligible expenses. Final awards will use a pro-rata formula. The other group is a substantially larger pool consisting of community-based healthcare providers, e.g., nursing facilities, assisted living centers, residential treatment facilities for youth, senior nutrition providers, behavioral health providers, community support providers, providers of Medicaid waiver services, in-home services to the elderly population and adult daycare, etc. The timeframe to apply is the same and requirements are similar. The allocation amount for this healthcare track is \$115 million. Eligible organizations are encouraged to apply.

- **Upcoming Session:** Jeremy Lippert, Director of Legal Services, highlighted information about the upcoming session. The Governor's Office is considering three proposed substantive bills and one proposed budget bill by the Department of Social Services and will be circulating decisions to DSS and other agencies in mid-November. 1) Corrects South Dakota confidentiality law to include a child's legal parents as parties who can receive information on a child who is receiving intervention services from Child Protection Services; 2) Removes and corrects incorrect cross-references identified in 2020 HB 1012 and 1013 throughout current code; 3) Fixes an issue highlighted by a recent Supreme Court case to enable Medicaid to be awarded restitution in future cases, where it has paid for medical services for a victim of a crime; and 4) Appropriates money for construction of an auto/welding building adjacent to the physical plant building at HSC to provide safer and more efficient space for staff. The Department will be working with Governor's Office and expect to finalize decisions in November or December. The first day of session will be January 12, 2021.

Administrative Rules Update: Jeremy Lippert provided an update regarding administrative rules.

- **Economic Assistance TANF Eligibility:** Senate Bill 96 was passed during the 2020 session, meaning that South Dakota will now opt out of the federal prohibition on TANF benefits for those convicted of a felony related to controlled substances. This rule amended the ARSD to repeal the prohibition and references to it in compliance with the law.
- **Economic Assistance Annual Update:** These changes are regular updates to the Economic Assistance rules updating or removing outdated citations, and updating references to federal dates, figures, and requirements.
- **Medical Services:** These rules bring references to medical code books and claims manuals up to date and are updated to align with a change in federal regulations that allows other

licensed practitioners to order home health services and durable medical equipment. The rules allow physician assistants, certified nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives to be primary care providers for care management purposes.

- **Child Protection Services:** Most of the changes in these rules are federal requirements under the Model Licensing Standards for Foster Care. The remaining changes were made to clarify existing policies and practices which are covered by the rules.
- **Behavioral Health Designation of Appropriate Regional Facilities:** This is a proposed rule change pursuant to SB 4 from the 2020 session, which gives DSS the responsibility for designating facilities as appropriate regional facilities to receive patients committed for emergency mental health holds.
- **Board of Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists:** The rules implement legislation passed in 2020 reorganizing the current chapters pertaining to professional counseling, professional counseling-mental health, and marriage and family therapy to be consistent, user friendly for licensees and prospective licensees, and clearly articulate the requirements for licensure and the expectations of licensees.
- **Board of Examiners of Psychologists:** The rules update the code of ethics to the most recent version, and add a new chapter that sets a minimum continuing education requirement of 15 contact hours or 1.5 units, defines a continuing education unit, provides guidance on courses eligible for continuing education credit and documentation needed for continuing education, and provides for an exception to the requirements where applicable.

Request for Proposal for Grievance Monitor: Virgena Wieseler, Chief of Children and Family Services provided an update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for a grievance monitor to review and respond to complaints related to the care provided to youth in the custody or care of certain care facilities, treatment centers, and programs. In September 2019 the Department submitted a report to Governor Noem which outlined findings and recommendations for treatment facilities licensed and accredited to serve children and youth in South Dakota. One of the recommendations was to create a monitor. DSS was successful in the bill passing both the House and Senate and the law went into effect on July 1, 2020. DSS published an RFP for a grievance monitor; however, no entities submitted a proposal. DSS is exploring other options to create a grievance monitor. Additionally, Child Protection Services brought forward proposed rules before the Legislative Interim Committee in August which added a standardized grievance procedure within Administrative Rules of South Dakota and became effective September 10, 2020.

Stronger Families Together: Sara Sheppick, Deputy Director of Child Protection Services (CPS) provided an overview of *Stronger Families Together*, which is a new foster and adoptive parent recruitment campaign developed by the Department of Social Services. *Stronger Families Together* provides families and children that are not able to remain home to have a foster or adoptive family to meet their needs. More foster families are needed to provide children a safe, stable, and permanent forever family if children cannot return home. Recruiting foster and adoptive families' efforts continue through the campaign. Encouragement and supports for foster, adoptive, kinship and birth families are needed to provide additional supports to allow children to safely remain in a family setting. On June 30, 2020, there were 890 licensed foster homes compared to 854 the

year prior. As part of the ongoing targeted recruitment, CPS wants more native American foster and adoptive families; foster families to care for older children ages 10-18 and children with medical, emotional, and behavioral needs requiring specialized care; and foster families who are able to keep brothers and sisters together. There are many stakeholders involved in this effort including Governor Noem, the Department of Social Services, South Dakota Kids Belong, Tribal child welfare programs, foster and adoptive parents, foster care alumni, business and municipal leaders across the state, faith-based organizations and child placement agencies. A steering committee comprised of stakeholder representatives convened to propose foster and adoptive family recruitment strategies and analyze effectiveness. A launch event will be held to communicate the vision and call to action. The communication plan is to continue to get the word out, provide testimonials, advertise on websites, social media, email, etc. Additionally, monthly statewide activities are scheduled to highlight fostering and adopting throughout the year. Targeted regional recruitment activities are planned with faith-based and community organizations to provide outreach and up-close opportunities to engage potential foster families. A schedule will be developed to rotate targeted recruitment based on greatest need for foster families. The campaign will focus on counties where there is a need for more foster and adoptive families, e.g., Rapid City and Yankton).

Policy Academy for Developing a Comprehensive Approach to Serving Infants with Prenatal Substance Exposure and Their Families: Child Protection Services Program Specialist Jolynn Bostrom shared information regarding the Policy Academy for developing a comprehensive approach to serving infants with prenatal substance exposure and their families. The primary goals for South Dakota includes to: 1) Develop criteria for substance use screening by providers and/or birthing hospitals; 2) Develop standardized definitions, to include infants affected by substance use; 3) Develop an oversight committee to guide changes in organizations; 4) Develop a pathway for reporting and monitoring; and 5) Provide education regarding Plans of Safe Care. Team members include the Division of Child Protection Services, Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Family and Community Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and Center for Disabilities, South Dakota Indian Child Welfare Act Coalition, Avera Health, Monument Health, Sanford Health, Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, and the Unified Judicial System.

DSS Outcomes Report: Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger shared a preview of an outcomes template with the members. In the past the Department has provided an outcomes document that lays out metrics and measurements to benchmark progress. This year the Department received instruction from GOAC on the format they want to see for reporting outcomes in each agency. This compilation will show more historical data and a status trend line showing trajectory. Once populated and delivered, the new outcomes document will be shared with members.

Other Updates: No other updates.

Future Agenda Items: Topics for future meetings include NONE.

Public Comment: No one appeared for public comment. No public comments were heard.

Establish Next Meeting Date: The next meeting date is set for April 20, 2021.

Adjourn: Ronning made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Bodenstedt. The Board voted by roll call. Grogan, Bodenstedt, Wordeman, Ronning voted aye. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM (CST).

DRAFT



South Dakota
Department of
Social Services

Department of Social Services **COVID-19 Pandemic**

Presented to the Board of Social Services

April 20, 2021

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Added flexibilities in Medicaid:
 - Reduced the early refill prescription threshold and allowing recipients a 60-day supply of medication, oxygen, and diabetic supplies
 - Amending state plan to cover COVID vaccine and administration
 - Allowed recipients ability to receive telemedicine services in the same community as their healthcare provider
 - Added qualifying telehealth services including well-child check-ups, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, optometry, audiology, ABA therapy, and dental services and expanded platforms to include Skype/Facetime
 - Allowed recipients to receive select services via telephone/audio-only if they do not have access to video capabilities including mental health services, substance use disorder services, and evaluation and management services

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Added flexibilities in Economic Assistance:
 - Food assistance to families that would have received reduced price school meals had schools been in session
 - Temporary increase to SNAP benefits
 - On-line Purchasing allowed SNAP recipients to use their Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) card to make online purchases at authorized SNAP retailers such as Wal-Mart, Amazon and HyVee is in the works
 - Energy Assistance emergency assistance
 - Additional resources to community action agencies
- Added flexibilities in Child Care Assistance:
 - Child Care Services provided grants for child care providers
 - Additional hours for school age children and expanded funding to centers related to children absent due to COVID

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Added flexibilities in Child Protection Services:
 - Secured PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for CPS field staff to keep staff and families healthy while ensuring children are safe
 - Supported Department of Health efforts related to testing for staff and residents in psychiatric residential treatment facilities and group care centers
 - Modified licensing rules and regulations in response to COVID to ensure families and facilities maintain licensure placement of children
 - Utilized guidance from the Administration of Children and Families for in person caseworker visits through technology

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Added flexibilities in Child Support:
 - Ensured custodial parents did not have delays in payments - Child Support financial staff ensured payments were processed timely and adjusted processes when needed to support this work remotely
- Supporting families with additional Behavioral Health Services:
 - Launched the 605 Strong Initiative to provide coping resources to all South Dakotans related to COVID-19
 - Awarded Emergency Grant to address mental and substance use disorders during COVID-19
 - Supported Department of Health's efforts related to testing staff and residents in residential settings
 - Allowed telemedicine flexibilities

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- HSC's response to the pandemic:
 - Patients screened prior to admission, at the time of admission, and throughout treatment
 - Staff screened daily at each entry point to campus for temperature and symptoms
 - Universal masking and eye protection on campus
 - Activated Incident Command Teams for COVID response
 - Created a COVID -19 Isolation Unit for the care and treatment of people diagnosed with COVID-19 who were placed on mental health holds or commitments in the community as well as internal transfers on HSC's campus
 - Added an analyzer to HSC's Laboratory that can test for COVID-19, Influenza, RSV, Strep
 - Participated in COVID-19 vaccine clinics for staff with Avera Sacred Heart Hospital
 - Vaccinated nursing home residents through collaboration with Walgreens (Jan. 6th)
 - Established a plan for regular communication to staff including a weekly virtual town hall and twice a week update memo

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Added flexibilities for customers across divisions and programs:
 - Provided staff with the technological tools necessary to successfully work remotely in order to continue to provide services to customers
 - Ensured customers could access DSS staff through a variety of methods (in person, phone, Teams or Zoom meetings, text, scanning documents, drop boxes, etc.)
 - When staff were identified as a close contact or tested positive for COVID, if well enough to do so, worked from home to meet the needs of customers
- Supporting Department of Health efforts related to testing and vaccinations in congregate settings.

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- Provider Relief Grants:
 - Application portal opened December 14th and providers had 2 weeks to apply for funding
 - **High Impact program** targeted to acute care hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities that provide services to the underserved, uninsured, or vulnerable populations
 - Per bed payment based on licensed beds
 - Hospitals \$11,000 per licensed bed
 - Nursing Homes \$6,400 per bed
 - Assisted Living \$600 per bed
 - Just over \$70 million in payments issued to eligible providers

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- **Safety Net Assistance program** targeted to community-based service providers including:
 - Residential treatment, group and independent living
 - Mental Health/SUD
 - Medicaid waiver services (community support, in home services, assistive daily living, senior meals)
- Eligible providers placed in 1 of 12 payment tiers based on revenue received from the state annually
- Just over \$60 million distributed to eligible providers

DSS COVID 19 Pandemic – Helping Families

- American Rescue Plan
 - Continues food assistance to families that would have received reduced price school meals had schools been in session through the end of the public health emergency
 - Extends temporary 15% increase to SNAP benefits through September 2021
 - Additional Low Income Energy Assistance funding
 - Additional one-time funding available for child care
Finalizing plan to assist families and support providers
Will be working to conduct a gap/needs assessment to address barriers and identify access issues
 - Additional one-time funding for community mental health and substance use disorder services
 - Offers optional additional flexibilities to states in the Medicaid program



Board of Social Services

Legislative Updates



The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is the state's largest agency with nearly 1,600 employees and 53 offices in communities across South Dakota.

At DSS, we believe...

- ...families have the right to be safe and secure.
- ...in providing opportunities and choices that support the needs of families through available and accessible services.
- ...in collaborative communications, teamwork, partnerships and trust for essential family services.
- ...in respecting individual and cultural differences by treating people with dignity, fairness and respect.
- ...in focusing on meaningful outcomes, continuous quality improvement and using technology to be efficient and effective.
- ...in professional and well-trained staff that is competent, accountable and empowered.
- ...in providing quality, timely customer service through the "no wrong door" approach.



About DSS

We are here to help children, families, individuals, seniors and people with disabilities through some of the most difficult times in their lives with the programs and services we provide.



Our Vision and Mission

Strong families – South Dakota's foundation and our future

The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is dedicated to strengthening and supporting individuals and families by promoting cost effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families.

Budget Changes

Provider Rate Increases

- Adequate funding for provider reimbursement rates is key component to ensure access
- All providers receiving 2.4% discretionary inflation
- Targeted rate adjustments for community-based providers
 - Group Care
 - Behavioral Health (both mental health and substance use disorder)
 - In Home Services
- Adjusts provider rates to fully fund methodology

FTE – Program Specialist for Adoption

- SFY2020
 - **226** children were placed with adoptive families
 - **176** adoptions were finalized
 - **146** children were placed in guardianship
 - **54%** increase over last 10 years
- SFY2022 recommended budget includes 1.0 FTE to manage the increasing adoption caseload

Legislative Updates

- HB 1151 An Act to create a peer support services program
 - Directed DSS to establish a peer support services program to promote recovery for individuals with behavioral health disorders.
- HB 1064 An Act to make an appropriation for and the establishment of peer support and critical incident stress management training for first responder organizations, and to declare an emergency
 - Appropriates funding to the Attorney General to provide grants to establish first responder peer support and critical incident training. Includes law enforcement, fire suppression, emergency medical and emergency dispatch organizations.
- HCR 6008 An Act to reauthorize the Mental Health Services Delivery Task Force for the limited purposes of monitoring the growth and development of current initiatives in the delivery of mental health services, reviewing and proposing adjustments to the levels of funding, and ensuring that the statutory and regulatory framework complements intended outcomes.
 - Authorizes the task force to meet two times during the 2021 interim to monitor the growth and development of current initiatives.

Legislative Updates

- SB 144 An Act to make an appropriation to provide for a crisis stabilization unit and to declare an emergency
 - Provides \$4.6 million in one time funding to Pennington County to construct a new facility to serve as an appropriate regional facility for Western SD.
 - During the 2020 legislative session, SDCL 27A-10-1.2 was passed providing DSS the authority to designate facilities to serve as an appropriate regional facility for mental health for individuals held under the emergency commitment process. Pennington County intends to apply to be an appropriate regional facility but does not have the current capacity to do so with existing structures.
 - The bill does not include funding for services. DSS is utilizing the RFP process to make available contract funding for entities that meet the designation.
- SB 186 An Act to make an appropriation for behavioral and mental health service support in crisis stabilization and to declare an emergency
 - Appropriates \$3.0 million in one time funding to be paid by DSS to the City of Sioux Falls to provide behavioral and mental health services in crisis stabilization. This funding is intended to support The Link.

Legislative Updates

- SB 5 An Act to include a child's legal parents and guardians in the list of parties who may receive information related to reports of the child's abuse or neglect
 - Allows the Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection Services (CPS) to inform a non-resident parent, guardian or custodian when CPS is involved in the investigation of a report of child abuse or neglect of their child.
- HB 1014 An Act to establish uniform complaint and declaratory ruling procedures for agencies regulating certain professions and occupations
 - Creates consistency across all professional licensing boards related to complaint procedures.
 - Uniform procedures related to timeframes for notice of hearing, licensees to respond to complaints, etc.
- HB 1077 An Act to provide for licensure by endorsement for certain licensed professionals and occupations
 - Establishes reciprocity with other state licensing boards for numerous healthcare professionals.
 - Reduces administrative efforts so licensees can begin working in South Dakota as quickly as possible.
 - Requires the applicant to be licensed through applicable SD licensing board.

Legislative Updates

- HB 1127 An Act to revise certain provisions regarding official meetings conducted by teleconference
 - Allows for each vote to be taken by voice vote instead of roll call during teleconference meetings. In the event of any negative vote, the vote must proceed to a roll call vote.
- SB 7 An Act to permit a government agency to qualify as a victim for purposes of restitution in criminal cases
 - Allows Medicaid to be considered a “victim” for the purposes of criminal restitution. This allows a court to order a criminal defendant to pay Medicaid restitution.
 - Recent Supreme Court case resulted in DSS not meeting the definition of victim. This addresses that issue in statute.



Thank You

Laurie Gill



605.773.3165



dssinfo@state.sd.gov



dss.sd.gov



South Dakota 988 Planning Grant

Grant Summary

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health in partnership with the Helpline Center applied for and was awarded the 988 Planning Grant. The 988 Planning Grant will assist states in planning for the implementation of a new, national, three-digit number for mental health crisis and suicide response (988).

In July 2022, 988 will become the national three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, replacing the current phone number of 1-800-283-TALK (8255). The goal of the 988 crisis line is the following:

- Connect a person in a mental health crisis to a trained counselor who can address their immediate needs and help connect them to ongoing care.
- Reduce healthcare spending with more cost-effective early intervention.
- Reduce use of law enforcement, public health, and other safety resources.
- Meet the growing need for crisis intervention.
- Help end stigma toward those seeking or accessing mental healthcare.

Funding

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$130,000 to support planning and technical assistance. This funding is available from February 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The grant was funded through private donations and issued by Vibrant Emotional Health, the nonprofit administrator of the Lifeline.

Grant Activities

Grant activities include developing plans to address key coordination, capacity building, funding, and communication strategies that are foundational to the launching of 988 in July 2022. Through a stakeholder coalition the following will be completed:

- Develop a roadmap that addresses key coordination, capacity, funding and communication strategies supporting the launch of 988 on or before July 16, 2022.
- Plan for long-term improvement of in-state answer rates for 988.
- Identify options for a platform that provides state-wide, real-time inventory of behavioral health services to increase access to treatment and support crisis counselors in connecting callers with local resources.

Partners

The Division will collaborate and partner with a planning stakeholder coalition including representation from the state's only Lifeline member (Helpline Center); state suicide prevention coordinators from the Department of Health and Department of Social Services; representatives from mobile crisis providers from the largest community in South Dakota as well as from a mid-sized, rural community; representation from crisis systems serving individuals in a behavioral health crisis; representatives from law enforcement; statewide 911 representative; representation from the publicly funded community mental health and substance use provider system; representatives from psychiatric inpatient providers; tribal representatives; peer based organization, and individuals with lived experience of suicide loss and attempt.

To learn more about the Division of Behavioral Health and services supported please visit:

<https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/default.aspx>



Strong Families - South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future



DSS Board Meeting

Division of Behavioral Health





Appropriate Regional Facilities

Senate Bill 4

- Legislation passed during the 2020 Legislative Session allows other types of providers to seek designation and provide this service.
- Supports allow some individuals experiencing a mental health crisis to be stabilized closer to home
- Result of the Reduce the Overall Use of Acute Mental Health Hospitalization Task Force
- Next Steps



605 Strong

The Crisis Counseling Program supports

- 211 hotline for individuals to call seeking resources as well as the statewide awareness campaign, 605 Strong
- Outreach to individuals impacted by COVID-19 and links them to appropriate behavioral health or other necessary resources including unemployment, health, and financial
- A follow-up program for individuals in acute distress or in need of additional support
- Crisis counseling is available statewide, and is supported by staff at Lutheran Social Services and The Helpline Center
- Through March 2021 over 15,000 individuals have made calls to 211



The Road to Recovery

605 Strong

Behavioral Health Voucher Program

Behavioral Health Voucher Program

Managed by the Division of Behavioral Health
South Dakota Department of Social Services

- Aims to provide access to mental health and substance use treatment to individuals in need, at a provider of their choosing, at no cost if deemed eligible.
- Target Populations
 - Adults and youth impacted by floods, severe weather, and tornadoes in 2019 and/or the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic
- Individuals may be referred by their provider, through the crisis counseling outreach, or by calling 211



ReNew

Recovering Mothers with Newborns

- DSS has partnered with Bethany Christian Services of Western South Dakota to support expectant and new mothers impacted by opioid and/or methamphetamine use.
 - Services are offered in Sioux Falls and Rapid City
- ReNew is a specialized case management model that supports pregnant women with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) by empowering and equipping them for successful recovery before and after the birth of their child.



Oxford House

Oxford Houses in South Dakota

- Oxford Houses are self-run, self-supported addiction recovery homes.
- Oxford Houses are family houses that groups of recovering individuals rent to live together in an environment supportive of recovery from addiction.
- Individuals living in an Oxford House learn or relearn values, responsible behavior and over time develop long-term behavior to assure comfortable sobriety – forever
- There are currently 5 houses available in South Dakota
 - 4 in Sioux Falls; 1 in Rapid City



Thank You

Tiffany Wolfgang



605.367.5236



dssbh@state.sd.gov



dss.sd.gov



CPS Internal Capacity and Readiness Assessment

In order to prepare for the development and implementation of South Dakota's IVE Prevention Plan as a component of the ongoing implementation of the Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA), Child Protection Services has entered into a contract with ACTION for Child Protection to conduct an organizational assessment of CPS. ACTION does consulting in many states throughout the country and has a South Dakota-based staff person who has experience working for South Dakota CPS and will be one of the leads on the case. Several vendors from across the country submitted proposals and a team of reviewers from within and outside of CPS chose ACTION to complete the project.

FFPSA is a federal act which was passed in February of 2018. The act reforms the federal child welfare financing to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system, shifting greater focus on prevention. With FFPSA development, there are multiple steps which are being focused on at various points in time. The graphic below outlines those steps.



ACTION will be assessing the training, policies and procedures, organizational structure, communication strategies, and hiring/retention. They will complete their work late spring/early summer and prepare a final report mid-summer. This report will be leveraged to assist CPS in planning for the needs of the division in preparation for completing and implementing the IVE Prevention Plan.

GOVERNOR KRISTI NOEM INVITES YOU TO A

Kick-Off Event

TO RECRUIT AND SUPPORT
FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES

Stronger
FAMILIES
Together



DRIFTERS EVENT CENTER
325 E HUSTAN AVE
FORT PIERRE, SD

TUESDAY
MAY 11, 2021
1 IN THE AFTERNOON

The Department of Social Services Division of Child Protection Services together with South Dakota Kids Belong is launching "Stronger Families Together," an initiative to ensure the needs of children in the child welfare system, their birth families, and foster and adoptive families remain at the forefront of discussions. For more information, please visit FosterOneSD.gov/StrongerFamiliesTogether.

Stronger Families Together

Launch May 11, 2021

Foster and adoptive families are greatly needed in South Dakota. When families are unable to provide safe care for children due to significant challenges they are experiencing, foster families are needed. In addition to providing care for children, foster families also provide encouragement and support to the entire family as they are working to make changes so the children can return home. Adoptive families who can support children's identity and life-long connections are also needed if children cannot return safely home. In South Dakota, most children adopted from foster care are adopted by their foster parents who have established a relationship with the child and their family connections.

Families supporting families is a shared value in South Dakota. By offering a helping hand to other families in our communities, we can build "Stronger Families Together".

Our Vision

2020-2021 Foster and Adoptive Parent Recruitment Campaign

"Stronger Families Together" is a call to action to recruit, prepare, and support foster and adoptive families based on the following principles:

- All children deserve to grow up in a family where they are loved and protected.
- Foster families are needed to care for children and support their families when they are experiencing challenges that cause the children to be unsafe.
- Encouragement, support, and services are needed for parents, kinship families, foster families, and adoptive families to provide the best care possible for children.
- Families are needed to provide children a safe, stable, and permanent forever family if they cannot return home.

Who's Involved

- Governor Noem
- Department of Social Services
- South Dakota Kids Belong
- Tribal child welfare programs
- Foster and adoptive parents
- Foster care alumni
- Business leaders
- Municipal leaders
- Faith-based organizations
- Child placement agencies

Our Goal

300 new families recruited each year for the next 4 years!



South Dakota
Department of
Social Services

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501-2291
605.773.3165
dss.sd.gov

<<Month>> << Day>>, 2021

<<Name>>

<<Address>>

<<City>>, SD <<Zip Code>>

Dear <<Name>>:

On behalf of the Department of Social Services (DSS), I welcome you as the newest member of the Board of Social Services. We are pleased that you have joined us for the purpose of advising the Department regarding delivery of social services needs and budgetary recommendations.

The Board of Social Services complies with South Dakota's open public meeting requirements, code of conduct and conflict of interest policies, and risk management and liabilities policies. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the *State of South Dakota Boards and Commissions Meeting Guidelines* which provides expectations of board members in these areas. Visit the Boards and Commissions portal to view this information at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/information/BCMeetingGuidelinesSD.pdf>. I have also enclosed information specific to the roles and responsibilities of Board of Social Services' members. The board meets two times each year typically in April and October. When in-person meetings are held, members can attend in person or remotely.

Detailed descriptions of the different divisions and programs within the Department can be found online at <https://dss.sd.gov/default.aspx> and we have enclosed a recent agency overview presentation we gave to the legislature to help orient you to our mission, vision, and programs.

By now you should have received, signed, and returned the Oath of Office to Governor Kristi Noem's Office following your appointment to the Board of Social Services. If you have not, please sign and return it immediately.

Our next meeting is scheduled for <<Month Day>> from <<Time>> to <<Time>> central and you will receive the agenda and meeting materials as it gets closer to the meeting date. If you have questions, please contact our DSS Deputy Secretary Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger at 605-773-3165 or Brenda.Tidball-Zeltinger@state.sd.us. We look forward to working with you as a member of the Board of Social Services to accomplish our vision of *Strong Families – South Dakota's Foundation and Our Future*.

Sincerely,

Laurie R. Gill
Cabinet Secretary

ENC: Board of Social Services Roles and Responsibilities
DSS Agency Overview Presentation



Board of Social Services

Roles and Responsibilities



The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is the state's largest agency with nearly 1,600 employees and 53 offices in communities across South Dakota.

At DSS, we believe...

- ...families have the right to be safe and secure.
- ...in providing opportunities and choices that support the needs of families through available and accessible services.
- ...in collaborative communications, teamwork, partnerships and trust for essential family services.
- ...in respecting individual and cultural differences by treating people with dignity, fairness and respect.
- ...in focusing on meaningful outcomes, continuous quality improvement and using technology to be efficient and effective.
- ...in professional and well-trained staff that is competent, accountable and empowered.
- ...in providing quality, timely customer service through the "no wrong door" approach.



About DSS

We are here to help children, families, individuals, seniors and people with disabilities through some of the most difficult times in their lives with the programs and services we provide.



Our Vision and Mission

Strong families – South Dakota's foundation and our future

The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is dedicated to strengthening and supporting individuals and families by promoting cost effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families.

Authorization – SDCL 1-36

Board of Social Services (SDCL 1-36-3)

- Members are appointed by the Governor.
- Board consists of seven members (not more than four of which may be members of the same political party).
- Subject to removal for cause only.

- Term of office of each member is three years.
- Terms expire on October 30 of the third year of appointment.
- A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term is appointed for the unexpired term.

Authorization SDCL 1-36

Board of Social Services

SDCL 1-36-4

- Board annually elects from its members such officers as it deems advisable.
- Majority of the members required to constitute a quorum.
- Board holds meetings at the call of the chairman.
- At least one Board meeting must be held every six months.

Authorization SDCL 1-36

- The Board of Social Services is administered under the Department of Social Services and retains advisory and non-administrative functions.
- The purpose of the Board of Social Services is to advise the Department of Social Services regarding delivery of social services needs and budgetary recommendations.
- For example, the Board provides input regarding implementation of new programs and services and advises the Department on implementation of current programs (e.g., Community Services Block Grant – Board reviewed materials and the Department sought feedback from the Board to include in the application).



Thank You

Laurie Gill



605.773.3165



dssinfo@state.sd.gov



dss.sd.gov





Department of Social Services Overview

Presented to the House Health and Human Services Committee

January 14, 2021



The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is a large agency with nearly **1,600** employees and **53** offices in communities across South Dakota.

At DSS, we believe...

...families have the right to be safe and secure.

...in providing opportunities and choices that support the needs of families through available and accessible services.

...in collaborative communications, teamwork, partnerships and trust for essential family services.

...in respecting individual and cultural differences by treating people with dignity, fairness and respect.

...in focusing on meaningful outcomes, continuous quality improvement and using technology to be efficient and effective.

...in professional and well-trained staff that is competent, accountable and empowered.

...in providing quality, timely customer service through the “no wrong door” approach.



About DSS

We are here to help children, families, individuals, seniors and people with disabilities through some of the most difficult times in their lives with the programs and services we provide.



Our Vision and Mission

Strong families – South Dakota's foundation and our future

The South Dakota Department of Social Services

is dedicated to strengthening and supporting individuals and families by promoting cost effective and comprehensive services in connection with our partners that foster independent and healthy families.

Laurie Gill
Cabinet Secretary

Laurie Mikkonen
Chief Financial
Officer

Jeremy Lippert
Division Director
Legal Services

Max Wetz
Communications
Administrator

**Brenda Tidball-
Zeltinger**
Deputy Secretary

Laura Ringling
Chief of
Behavioral Health

William Snyder
Division Director
Medical Services

Virgena Wieseler
Chief of Children and
Family Services

SD Board of Addiction
and Prevention
Professionals

SD Board of Examiners
for Counselors and
Marriage and Family
Therapists

SD Board of Examiners
of Psychologists

SD Board of Social
Work Examiners

Jeremy Johnson
Administrator of Human
Services Center

Tiffany Wolfgang
Division Director
Behavioral Health

Pamela Bennett
Division Director
Child Protection Services

Gail Stoltenburg
Division Director
Child Support

Carrie Johnson
Division Director
Economic Assistance



OVERVIEW

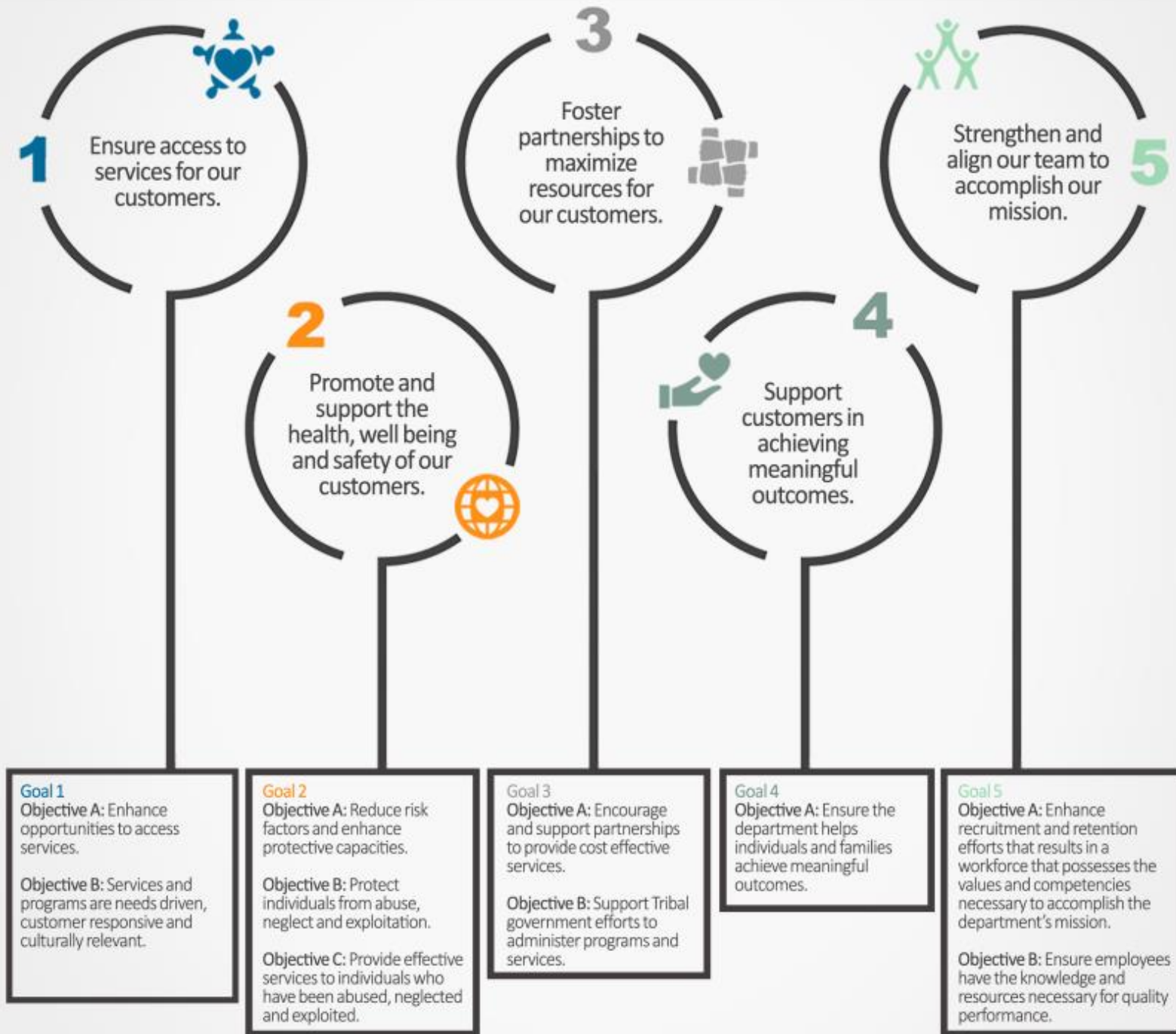
Our department serves one in seven South Dakotans

The Department of Social Services provides a broad scope of services with nearly 1,600 employees and a budget just over \$1 billion.

- **Strives to keep families strong, safe and together**
- **Assists children and families through some of the most difficult times in their lives**
- **Strengthens families by promoting work and providing supports to reduce reliance on safety net programs**

Department of Social Services Strategic Plan Goals

2017-2021



Nationally Recognized for Program Quality

- **Medicaid** – Only state in the nation to receive continuous exemption since 2010 from recovery audit contractor requirements. Collected **\$8.7 million** in third party liability, estate recovery and fraud collections. Less than **1%** of collections are fraud related.
- **SNAP** – Ranked **#1 in the nation** for case/procedural error rate and **#2 in the nation** for payment accuracy in FFY 2019. Over 30 years of continuous program recognition for high performance related to accuracy in determining eligibility, denials or suspensions of benefits, and timeliness of approval.
- **Child Support** – **\$128 million** in collections in SFY 2020 for **57,528** cases. Ranked in the top nine nationally for the last 15 years. As a result, the program earned financial program awards for top performance each year.
- **Child Care** – **99%** payment accuracy compared to national average of **96%**.

Medicaid	Outcome	Target
Collections	\$8.7 million	\$9.0 million
SNAP	Outcome	Target
Payment Accuracy	97.59%	98%
Case/Procedural Accuracy	94.96%	98%
Child Support	Outcome	Target
Percent of Current Support Collected	64%	64%
Administrative Costs	\$10.46/\$1	\$10.46/\$1
Child Care	Outcome	Target
Payment Accuracy	99%	96%

Helping families through the pandemic

- Added flexibilities in Medicaid:
 - Reduced the early refill prescription threshold
 - Allowed recipients to obtain up to a 60-day supply of medications, oxygen, and diabetic supplies
 - Allowed recipients ability to receive telemedicine services in the same community as their healthcare provider
 - Added qualifying telehealth services including well-child check-ups, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, optometry, audiology, ABA therapy, and dental services
 - Added flexibility to receive telemedicine services via additional platforms such as Skype and FaceTime to increase recipient access to telemedicine services
 - Allowed recipients to receive select services via telephone/audio-only if they do not have access to video capabilities including mental health services, substance use disorder services, and evaluation and management services

Helping families through the pandemic

- Added flexibilities in Economic Assistance:
 - Food assistance to families that would have received reduced price school meals had schools been in session
 - Temporary increase to SNAP benefits
 - On-line Purchasing allowed SNAP recipients to use their Electronic Benefit Transaction (EBT) card to make online purchases at authorized SNAP retailers such as Wal-Mart, Amazon and HyVee is in the works
 - Energy Assistance emergency assistance
 - Additional resources to community action agencies
- Added flexibilities in Child Care Assistance:
 - Child Care Services provided grants for child care providers
 - Additional hours for school age children and expanded funding to centers related to children absent due to COVID

Helping families through the pandemic

- Added flexibilities in Child Protection Services:
 - Secured PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) for CPS field staff to keep staff and families healthy while ensuring children are safe
 - Supported Department of Health efforts related to testing for staff and residents in psychiatric residential treatment facilities and group care centers
 - Modified licensing rules and regulations in response to COVID to ensure families and facilities maintain licensure placement of children
 - Utilized guidance from the Administration of Children and Families for in person caseworker visits through technology

Helping families through the pandemic

- Added flexibilities in Child Support:
 - Ensured custodial parents did not have delays in payments - Child Support financial staff ensured payments were processed timely and adjusted processes when needed to support this work remotely
- Supporting families with additional Behavioral Health Services:
 - Launched the 605 Strong Initiative to provide coping resources to all South Dakotans related to COVID-19
 - Awarded Emergency Grant to address mental and substance use disorders during COVID-19
 - Supported Department of Health's efforts related to testing staff and residents in residential settings
 - Allowed telemedicine flexibilities

Helping families through the pandemic

- HSC's response to the pandemic:
 - Patients screened prior to admission, at the time of admission, and throughout treatment
 - Staff screened daily at each entry point to campus for temperature and symptoms
 - Universal masking and eye protection on campus
 - Activated Incident Command Teams for COVID response
 - Created a COVID-19 Isolation Unit for the care and treatment of people diagnosed with COVID-19 who were placed on mental health holds or commitments in the community as well as internal transfers on HSC's campus
 - Added an analyzer to HSC's Laboratory that can test for COVID-19, Influenza, RSV, Strep
 - Participated in COVID-19 vaccine clinics for staff with Avera Sacred Heart Hospital
 - Vaccinated nursing home residents through collaboration with Walgreens (Jan. 6th)
 - Established a plan for regular communication to staff including a weekly virtual town hall and twice a week update memo

Helping staff respond to the pandemic

- Added flexibilities for customers across divisions and programs:
 - Provided staff with the technological tools necessary to successfully work remotely in order to continue to provide services to customers
 - Ensured customers could access DSS staff through a variety of methods (in person, phone, Teams or Zoom meetings, text, scanning documents, drop boxes, etc.)
 - When staff were identified as a close contact or tested positive for COVID, if well enough to do so, worked from home to meet the needs of customers

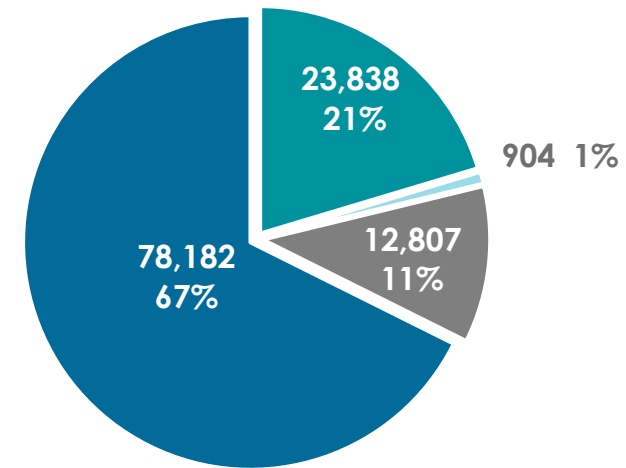
Division of Medical Services

South Dakota operates a conservative program with income guidelines at federal minimums with the exception of CHIP

- Covered services must be medically necessary and physician ordered
- Over **15,000** enrolled providers with **3,000** on average providing services each month

South Dakota remains the only state in the nation to receive a continuous exemption from additional federal audit requirements due to the low prevalence of payment errors

SFY 2020: 115,731
Average Monthly Eligible



- Aged/Blind/Disabled Adults
- Pregnant Women
- Low Income Family (Adults)
- Children

Division of Medical Services

Who we serve and services provided

Who we serve

- Low-income families, pregnant women, and children
- Elderly
- People with disabilities
- Participating providers



Services provided

- Provider enrollment
- Process claims
- Surveillance Utilization & Review
- Electronic Health Records
- Prior authorizations for services
- Medicaid is an entitlement program-all people eligible must be served
- Federal-state partnership governed by the Medicaid State Plan

Key Initiatives:

Foster partnerships to maximize resources for our customers

Prenatal/Primary Care Innovation Grants

Goal is to improve access to OB care and treatment for gestational diabetes; reduce number of c-sections, birth complications, infant mortality and other complications; increase rates of healthy babies; improve adherence rates to SUD treatment, preventive and prenatal care; increase number of women accessing prenatal services, wellness checks, and behavioral health services.

Avera

Helps pregnant women in South Dakota diagnosed with gestational diabetes by providing remote blood sugar monitoring, specialized test strips and video visits with a diabetic educator.



Between January - September 2020 Avera supported **68** women.

Native Women's Health Care

Linking primary and prenatal services to behavioral health services, leveraging a comprehensive care team including primary care, behavioral health, and community health workers.

Between January - December 2020 Native Women's Health Care served **11** women.



Center for Family Medicine

Provides patients with a birth center/pregnancy health home approach to provide a full array of prenatal and postnatal care. Train family medicine resident physicians in innovative, evidence-based prenatal care models.

Between January - November 2020 Center for Family Medicine has supported **97** women.



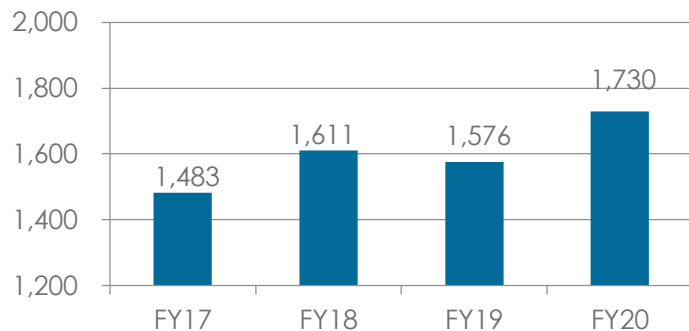
Division of Child Protection Services

Who we serve and services provided

Who we serve

- Families referred due to threats of child safety relating to neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse and emotional abuse
- Kinship, foster and adoptive families

Average Monthly Children in Custody



Services provided

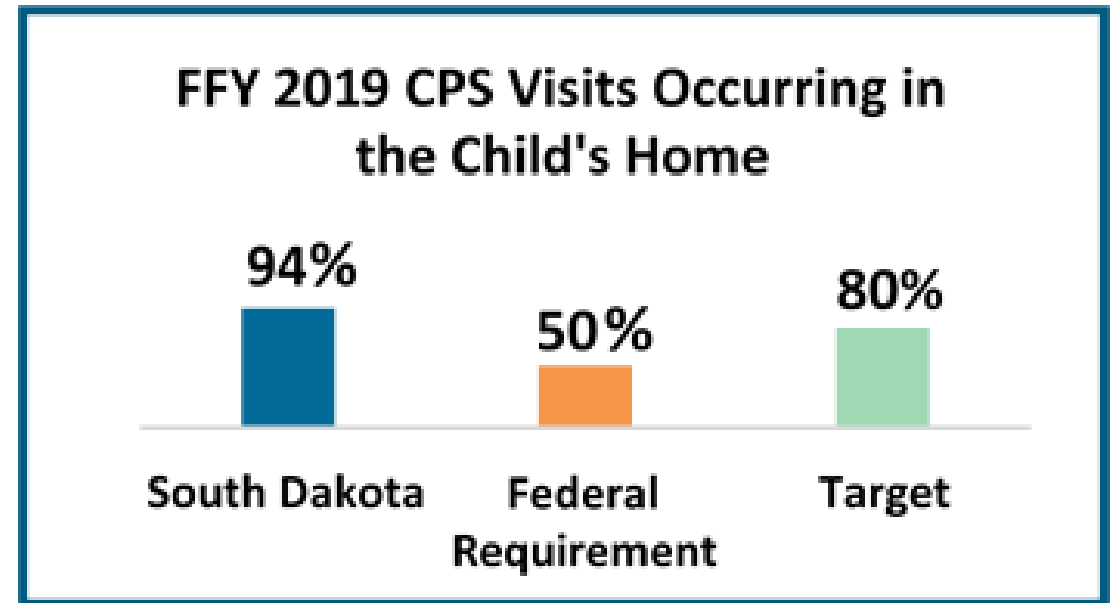
- Intake of reports of child abuse and neglect
- Family assessments
- Direct and referral services to maintain or reunite families
- Kinship, foster care, group care and residential treatment placement for children
- Independent living services for teens
- Parenting education
- Adoption and post-adoption supports

Division of Child Protection Services

Permanency and Safety for Children

Child Protection Services' goal is to reunify families whenever possible.

- Results: Of children reunited, **75%** were reunited within 12 months of removal during SFY 2020
 - When that is not possible, we work to establish guardianship or adoption to divert from foster care placement
- During FFY 2019, **94%** of caseworker visits happened where the child resides – exceeding the federal requirement by **44%**





Stronger Families Together

- One of our strongest partnerships is with the families in South Dakota who open their homes and hearts to children in need.
- Governor Noem continues to raise awareness and educate people about the need for more foster families.
- DSS collaborates with partners to provide children the stability they need.
- In SFY 2020, **238** families stepped forward and became licensed foster parents, bringing the total number of families licensed as foster parents to **881**.
- More foster parents are needed to meet the increased number of children in foster care and to make sure children can stay in their communities whenever possible so they can stay connected to their family and peers.
- In SFY 2021 the Department received funding to support additional resources to handle the increased inquiries, additional training classes and completion of required home studies. Thus far, as of December 31, **204** families have been licensed or are in the process of becoming licensed.

Protecting Children in Treatment Facilities

- Some children need psychiatric or other specialized care in facilities.
- In the summer of 2019, Governor Noem charged DSS with conducting a full analysis of the process for licensing and inspecting private treatment facilities for children and youth and to fully evaluate the Department's role in ensuring the wellbeing and safety of children placed there.
- With input from multiple agencies, the analysis included a review of the role state agencies and divisions play in accreditation and licensing of treatment facilities for children and youth in South Dakota, populations served and the referral process.
- Progress has been made to implement **nine** of the **11** recommendations listed in the *Treatment Facilities for Children and Youth Report*.

Key Initiatives

Division of Child Protection Services

- RFP for internal review to identify opportunities to enhance structure, practice, and procedures
- RFP for gap analysis of group, residential, and psychiatric care
- Plans of Safe Care
- Adopted administrative rules to conform to national model licensing standards

Division of Child Support

The goal is to ensure parents take financial responsibility for their children.

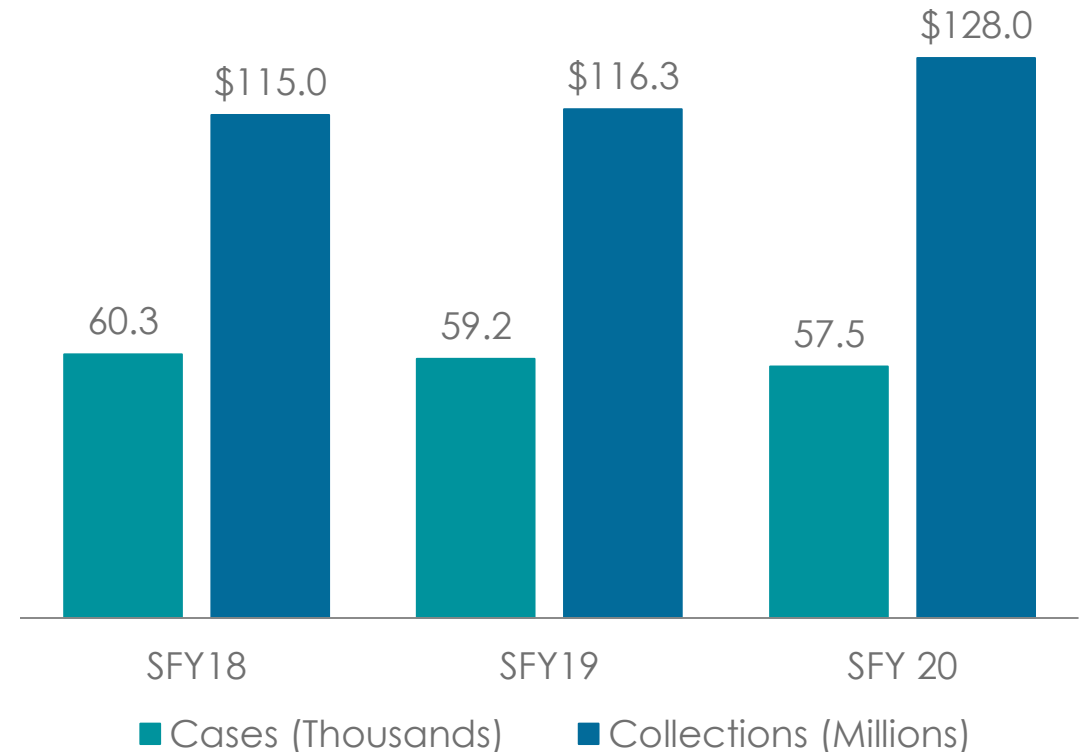
Who we serve

- Over **57,500** families who need help to collect child support
- Adults with legal guardianship or custody of minor children

Services provided

- Locate non-custodial parents
- Establish paternity and enforce child support orders
- Enforce health insurance coverage
- Assist with modification requests
- Collect and distribute child support payments

Cases vs Collections



Key Initiatives: Division of Child Support

- System Modernization to update an antiquated child support system and expand technology to better serve our customers
- Commission on Child Support will meet in 2021 to review child support guidelines and child support related statutes
- Work in partnership with the Division of Economic Assistance and Child Protection Services to connect targeted noncustodial parents to education and training opportunities

Division of Economic Assistance

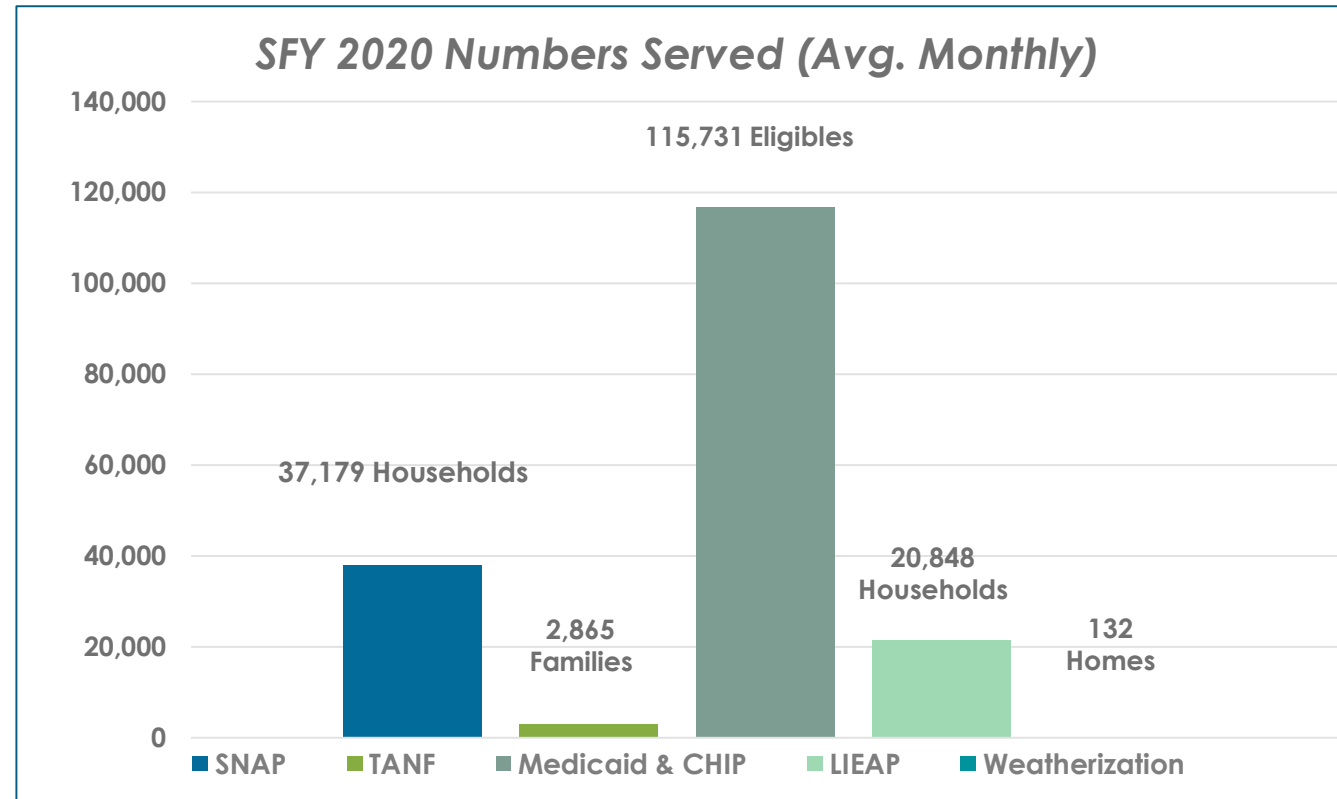
Who we serve and services provided

Who we serve

- Economic Assistance staff determine eligibility for short-term safety net programs for low-income families, pregnant women, children, elderly citizens and people with disabilities.

Services provided

- Eligibility determinations for programs including SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, CHIP, and LIEAP
- Education assistance for youth in out-of-home placements
- Services to low-income individuals through Community Action Programs



Key Initiatives: Division of Economic Assistance

- Modernize Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment System
- Implement online purchasing to provide safe shopping alternatives for SNAP recipients
- Develop partnership opportunities to connect SNAP recipients with agricultural industry employment

Office of Child Care Services

Who we serve and services provided

The Office of Child Care Services provides child care subsidies to low-income families so they can work and go to school.

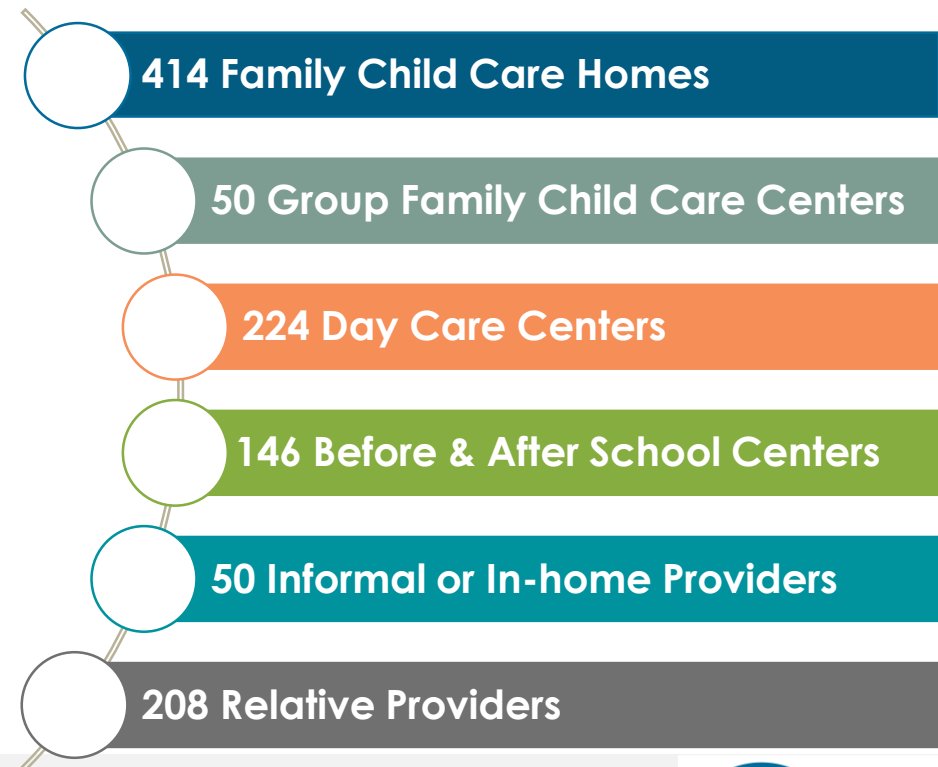
Who we serve

- Low-income families with children
 - Average monthly families served **2,009**
- Child care providers
- Parents seeking information on child safety seats

Services provided

- Child Care Assistance Program
- Provider licensing and registration
- Provider professional development

SFY 2020 Child Care Providers



Division of Behavioral Health

Who we serve and services provided

The goal is to support individuals and families with behavioral health needs to remain in their communities.

Who we serve

- Children and adults with serious mental illnesses
 - In SFY 2020, **17,542** individuals received publicly funded mental health services
- Adolescents and adults with substance use disorders
 - In SFY 2020, **11,693** individuals received publicly funded substance use disorder services
- Youth and young adults in need of prevention services
 - In SFY 2020, **44,501** youth aged 12 to 17–years-old received publicly funded substance use prevention services
- Inmates in state correctional facilities in need of behavioral health services
 - In SFY 2020, over **2,000** offenders were assessed for behavioral health needs

Services provided

- Through contracts with accredited agencies:
 - Outpatient Mental Health Services
 - Inpatient and Outpatient Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services
 - Prevention Services
- DBH staff provide assessment, mental health/substance use disorder treatment, psychiatric, and release planning services to offenders incarcerated in DOC prison facilities

Awareness:

- Increase awareness of addiction
- Promote resources for prevention, treatment, and recovery

Prevention:

- Evidence-based curriculums in communities and schools
- Community prevention and education activities
- Training to support substance use prevention

Treatment:

- Evidence based treatment models
- Outpatient mental health
- Inpatient and outpatient substance use disorder treatment



Key Initiatives:

Division of Behavioral Health

- Increased access to behavioral health services
 - Expanded detoxification services, inpatient treatment services, and intensive meth treatment services in Western SD and Northeastern SD
- Combating Opioid use
 - Granted second State Opioid Response (SOR) grant
 - In partnership with the Board of Pharmacy, initiated statewide standing order for Naloxone
- Suicide Prevention
 - Awarded National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) grant aimed at preventing suicides among adults
 - Collaborating with the Helpline to implement 988 services - Replaces national suicide prevention lifeline
- Support for telehealth services
 - In SFY 2020, over **4,000** adults and youth received behavioral health services via telehealth

Key Initiatives:

Division of Behavioral Health

- Completed a comprehensive behavioral health needs and gaps analysis
 - Over **60** stakeholders invited to provide feedback
 - Next steps - prioritization of recommendations
- Developed administrative rules to support designation of appropriate regional facilities
 - Effective December 2, 2020
 - Releasing RFP in January 2021 to select providers based on needs identified
- Published outcomes for all publicly funded treatment services
 - Available at <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/community/accreditation.aspx>
- Expanded meth prevention programming in middle schools across the state
 - All middle schools were given the opportunity to have programming supported
 - SFY 2021, **82** middle schools are receiving prevention support

Human Services Center

Who we serve and services provided

The goal is to help individuals with behavioral health needs, who can't be served in less restrictive settings, stabilize and return to the community.

Who we serve

- Individuals ages 12 to end of life who are unable to be served by other providers – a less restrictive environment is not an option for care
- Majority (**86%**) of admissions are involuntary
 - In SFY 2020, there was an average daily census of **170** with **1,323** admissions

Services provided

- Adult and adolescent inpatient psychiatric treatment
- Adult inpatient substance use disorder treatment
- Licensed nursing facility
- Court ordered competency restoration

Key Initiatives:

Human Services Center

- Outpatient & Jail-Based Competency Restoration
 - **Six** total patients served by Community Mental Health Centers in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Aberdeen, and Yankton
 - Establishing jail-based competency restoration program with Minnehaha County
- Zero Suicide
 - Continuing campus-wide efforts related to suicide prevention of assessment, treatment (crisis stabilization and long term), and discharge planning
- Employee Recruitment, Retention, and Recognition
 - Continuing to focus on recruitment and retention incentives to reduce vacancies as well as enhanced staff training and support
- Clinical Consultation
 - In **84%** of cases reviewed by HSC's clinical consultation services to nursing home facilities, individuals were diverted from admission to HSC and able to remain in their community setting

DSS 2021 Legislation

- **SB 5** – An Act to include a child’s legal parents to the list of parties who may receive information related to reports of the child’s abuse or neglect.
 - Revises SDCL 26-8A-13 to include a child’s legal parents as parties who can receive information on a child who is receiving intervention services from CPS.
- **SB 6** – An Act to correct technical errors in statutory cross-references related to the Department of Social Services.
 - Removes and corrects incorrect cross-references throughout current code.
- **SB 7** – An Act to provide for restitution to Medicaid in certain criminal cases.
 - Revises the criminal restitution statute to enable Medicaid to be awarded restitution in future cases where it has paid for medical services for a victim of a crime.



Thank You

Laurie Gill



605.773.3165



dssinfo@state.sd.gov



dss.sd.gov



APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424

Version 02

1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		2. Type of Application: If Revision, select appropriate letter(s) <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation Other (specify): <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
3. Date Received 04/08/2019		4. Applicant Identifier:	
5a. Fed Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier: DE-EE0000000 (SF424 revision 2)	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
a. Legal Name: STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA			
b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 466000364		c. Organizational DUNS: 809587900	
d. Address:			
Street 1:		910 E. Sioux Ave	
Street 2:			
City:		PIERRE	
County:		HUGHES County	
State:		SD	
Province:			
Country:		U.S.A.	
Zip / Postal Code:		575014517	
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES		Division Name: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
Prefix: Mr		First Name: David	
Middle Name:			
Last Name: Gall			
Suffix:			
Title: Program Administrator			
Organizational Affiliation:			
Telephone Number: 6057734131		Fax Number: 6057736657	
Email: david.gall@state.sd.us			

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424

Version 02

9. Type of Applicant:

A State Government

10. Name of Federal Agency:

U. S. Department of Energy

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

81.042

CFDA Title:

Weatherization Assistance Program

12. Funding Opportunity Number:

DE-WAP-0002019

Title:

2019-2022 Weatherization Assistance

Program

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

State of South Dakota

15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Weatherization of low-income homes in the state of South Dakota.

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424

Version 02

16. Congressional District Of:

a. Applicant: South Dakota At-Large Congressional District b. Program/Project: SD-Statewide

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed:

17. Proposed Project:

a. Start Date: 07/01/2019 b. End Date: 06/30/2022

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

a. Federal	6,704,349.00
b. Applicant	0.00
c. State	0.00
d. Local	0.00
e. Other	0.00
f. Program Income	0.00
g. TOTAL	6,704,349.00

19. Is Application subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?:

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

20. Is the applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation)

No

21. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to**

I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: First Name: Laurie

Middle Name: R.

Last Name: Gill

Suffix:

Title: Cabinet Secretary

Telephone Number: 6057733166 Fax Number:

Email: Laurie.Gill@state.sd.us

Signature of Authorized Representative:

Date Signed:

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE0007950		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program	
3. Name and Address STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 910 E. Sioux Ave PIERRE, SD 575014517		4. Program/Project Start Date 07/01/2019	5. Completion Date 06/30/2022

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. Federal	81.042	\$ 0.00		\$ 6,704,349.00		\$ 6,704,349.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) DOE	(2) GRANTEE ADMINISTRA TION	(3) SUBGRANTE E ADMINISTRA	(4) GRANTEE T&TA	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 158,076.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 158,076.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,582.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,582.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 36,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 449,295.00	\$ 46,200.00	\$ 6,464,691.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 203,658.00	\$ 449,295.00	\$ 82,200.00	\$ 6,704,349.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 0.00	\$ 203,658.00	\$ 449,295.00	\$ 82,200.00	\$ 6,704,349.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE0000000		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program	
3. Name and Address STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 910 E. Sioux Ave PIERRE, SD 575014517	4. Program/Project Start Date 07/01/2019		
	5. Completion Date 06/30/2022		

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY						
Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES					
6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) SUBGRANTEE T&TA	(2) PROGRAM OPERATIONS	(3) HEALTH AND SAFETY	(4) LIABILITY INSURANCE	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 105,384.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 30,388.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 602,600.00	\$ 4,179,399.00	\$ 1,044,851.00	\$ 87,596.00	\$ 6,464,691.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 602,600.00	\$ 4,179,399.00	\$ 1,044,851.00	\$ 87,596.00	\$ 6,704,349.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 602,600.00	\$ 4,179,400.00	\$ 1,044,851.00	\$ 87,596.00	\$ 6,704,349.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE00000000		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program	
3. Name and Address STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA 910 E. Sioux Ave PIERRE, SD 575014517	4. Program/Project Start Date 07/01/2019		
	5. Completion Date 06/30/2022		

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1.						
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,704,349.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES

6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) FINANCIAL AUDITS	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00				\$ 105,384.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00				\$ 30,388.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00				\$ 24,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 54,750.00				\$ 4,408,016.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 54,750.00				\$ 6,704,349.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 54,750.00				\$ 6,704,349.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00

**U.S. Department of Energy
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)
WEATHERIZATION ANNUAL FILE WORKSHEET**

(Grant Number: EE0007950, State: SD, Program Year: 2019)

IV.1 Subgrantees

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units
Interlakes Community Action Agency (Madison)	\$1,689,749.00 182
Northeast SD Community Action Agency (Sisseton)	\$1,314,662.00 134
Rural Office of Community Services (Lake Andes)	\$1,605,631.00 169
Western SD Community Action Agency (Rapid City)	\$1,808,453.00 189
Total:	\$6,418,495.00 674

IV.2 WAP Production Schedule

Weatherization Plans	Units
Total Units (excluding reweatherized)	674
Reweatherized Units	0

Note: Planned units by quarter or category are no longer required, no information required for persons.

Average Unit Costs, Units subject to DOE Project Rules		
VEHICLE & EQUIPMENT AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT (DOE RULES)		
A	Total Vehicles & Equipment (\$5,000 or more) Budget	\$0.00
B	Total Units Weatherized	674
C	Total Units Reweatherized	00
D	Total Dwelling Units to be Weatherized and Reweatherized (B + C)	674
E	Average Vehicles & Equipment Acquisition Cost per Unit (A divided by D)	\$0.00
AVERAGE COST PER DWELLING UNIT (DOE RULES)		
F	Total Funds for Program Operations	\$4,179,399.00
G	Total Dwelling Units to be Weatherized and Reweatherized (from line D)	674
H	Average Program Operations Costs per Unit (F divided by G)	\$6,200.89
I	Average Vehicles & Equipment Acquisition Cost per Unit (from line E)	\$0.00
J	Total Average Cost per Dwelling (H plus I)	\$6,200.89

IV.3 Energy Savings

Method used to calculate savings: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WAP algorithm <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)			
	Units	Savings Calculator (MBtus)	Energy Savings
This Year Estimate	674	29.3	19478
Prior Year Estimate	460	29.3	13478
Prior Year Actual	190	29.3	5567
Method used to calculate savings description:			
South Dakota's estimated energy savings for 2019-2021 are shown on the following algorithm:			

**U.S. Department of Energy
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)
WEATHERIZATION ANNUAL FILE WORKSHEET**

(Grant Number: EE0007950, State: SD, Program Year: 2019)

<p>DOE Program Amount</p> <p>(A) Total DOE State Weatherization Allocation \$6,704,349 (B) Total Cost associated with Administration, T&TA, H&S, Audits, Liability Ins. \$2,524,950 (C) Subtract the amount entered in line (B) from line (A), for total Federal (DOE) funds available to weatherize homes \$4,179,399 (D) Estimated State Average Cost per Home - \$6,200 (E) Divide the amount entered on line (C) by the amount entered on line (D), for Total Estimated Homes to be Weatherized-674. (F) Multiply (E) by 29.3 MBtu for Total Annual Estimated</p> <p>Energy Savings resulting from DOE appropriated fund 19,478 MBtu's</p>
--

IV.4 DOE-Funded Leveraging Activities

IV.5 Policy Advisory Council Members

Check if an existing state council or commission serves in this category and add name below

Barbara Garcia	Type of organization: Contact Name: Phone: 6052096313 Email: bkgrcsd@gmail.com
Cecilia Fire Thunder	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Native Americans, elderly, disabled and low-income populatio Phone: 6054072470 Email: c.firethunder@gmail.com
Holly Bodenstedt	Type of organization: Contact Name: Phone: 6057605249 Email: hsboden@vyn.midco.net
Hugh Grogan	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: elderly, disabled, native american, and low-income population Phone: 6053383833 Email: hubert.grogan@gmail.com
Jesse Ronning	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Phone: 6056929415 Email: jjronning@swifetel.net
Linda I. Wordeman	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Phone: 6053913408 Email: sodakholdings@gmail.com
Colleen Winter	Type of organization: Other Contact Name: Phone: 6052801731 Email: cmwinter56@gmail.com

IV.6 State Plan Hearings (Note: attach notes and transcripts to the SF-424)

Date Held	Newspapers that publicized the hearings and the dates the notice ran

U.S. Department of Energy
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)
WEATHERIZATION ANNUAL FILE WORKSHEET

(Grant Number: EE0007950, State: SD, Program Year: 2019)

IV.7 Miscellaneous

Recipient Business Officer

Bill Regynski
bill.regynski@state.sd.us
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-5182

Recipient Principal Investigator

David Gall
david.gall@state.sd.us
910 E. Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
605-773-4131

American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Narrative:

The State has made significant strides in addressing the timeframe it takes for the payments to be made, when a voucher is received by the State, it will be processed within 2 business days and sent to the Social Services Finance Office, once they verify, it is then sent to the Bureau of Finance and Management for Payment.

Quarterly calls with CAP Weatherization coordinators will be held. Currently, there is an annual meeting in Pierre with CAP technical staff and the State Technical Monitor to discuss best practices.



Child Care State Plan

2022-2024 Overview



Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant

State Plan Process and Timelines

Plan Period – October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024

State Plan is required every three years.

- April 23, 2021 State Plan posted to DSS website
- May 18, 2021 Public Hearing
- May 31, 2021 State Plan comments received until 5:00 pm CST
- June 2021 Finalization June 1 – June 30, 2021
- June 30, 2021 Submit plan to federal office

Three Major Functions

Child Care and Development Block Grant



Child Care Assistance (subsidy)

- Support families that fall below the 209% of the federal poverty level with help paying for child care

Child Care Licensing

- Ensure health and safety standards are in place & met for children in care

Child Care Quality

Provide resources and support to improve child care quality

Overview of the State Plan Requirements

Coordinate	Define Leadership and Coordinate with Relevant Systems
Promote	Promote Family Engagement through Outreach and Consumer Education
Provide	Provide Stable Child Care Financial Assistance to Families
Ensure	Ensure Equal Access to Child Care for Low-Income Children
Establish	Establish Standards and Monitoring Processes to Ensure the Health and Safety of Child Care Settings
Recruit and Retain	Recruit and Retain a Qualified and Effective Child Care Workforce
Support	Support Continuous Quality Improvement
Ensure	Ensure Grantee Program Integrity and Accountability

Noteworthy Changes for 2022-2024 State Plan Period

Major Changes

- Inter-State Background Screenings

Minor Changes

- Organizational changes
- Added a new public/private partnership
- Progressive health and safety training requirements
- Addressed new questions regarding SD Early Learning Guidelines
- Addressed new question regarding quality control



Thank You