

Division of Rehabilitation Services: Introduction to the Brookings District

Brookings | Watertown | Huron

Brookings District Overview



**The Brookings District is made up of
three office locations:**

Brookings
Watertown
Huron



In total we serve:

13 Counties
33 School Districts



SFY 2025 Data:

821 Total Served

Brookings Office Stats

Counties Served :

Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, Moody,
Minor

Location :

State Office Building

- 1310 Main Ave S. Suite 102
- Brookings, SD 57006

Schools Covered:

Brookings, Sioux Valley, Arlington,
Lake Preston, De Smet, Iroquois,
Elkton, Deubrook Area, Deuel,
Estelline, Chester Area, Colman-Egan,
Flandreau, Madison Central,
Flandreau Indian School, Oldham –
Ramona, Rutland

Partner Agencies :

Career Learning Center, Brookings
Area Chamber of Commerce,
Brookings Behavioral Health and
Wellness, Black Hills Special Services
Cooperative, Independent Living
Choices, Community Counseling
Services

Community Support Providers :

Advance / Career Advantage, Valient
Living



Brookings Office
Staff:
Supervisor and
Counselors

- **Sylvia Buboltz** (District Supervisor) : 14 years with DRS
- **Lexi Hoover** (Rehabilitation Counselor) : 2 Years with DRS
 - [Schools:](#) Oldham-Ramona, Rutland, Howard, Madison, Flandreau, Chester, Colman-Egan, Flandreau Indian School
- **Kayla Kane** (Sr. Rehabilitation Counselor) 7 Years with DRS
 - [Schools:](#) Arlington, Brookings, Sioux Valley, Lake Preston, De Smet, Iroquois
- **Kris Warnke** (Rehabilitation Counselor) 1.5 years with DRS
 - [Schools:](#) Deubrook, Deuel, Elkton, Estelline

Brookings Office : Support Staff



- Lexi Short (Counselor Aide)
 - 2 years with DRS

- Carol Malone (Secretary)
 - 25 years with DRS



Watertown Office Stats

Counties Served :

Codington, Clark, Deuel, Grant,
Hamlin, Roberts

Location:

Watertown State Office Building
2001 9th Ave SW Suite 200
Watertown SD, 57201

Schools:

Florence, Henry, Watertown, Willow
Lake, Clark, Hamlin, Castlewood,
Big Stone, Milbank, Waverly,
Sisseton, Rosholt, Wilmot

Partner Agencies:

SD Department of Labor, Beacon
Center, CARE, Serentiy Hills, New
Horizons, Goodwill, Independent
Living Choices, Black Hills Special
Services Cooperative, Northeast
Educational Services Cooperative

Community Support Providers:

Human Service Agency



Watertown Office Staff

Jamie Boyle
(Sr. Rehabilitation
Counselor) :
7 Years with DRS

Schools:
Watertown,
Willow Lake,
Clark, Henry

Katrina Koeppel
(Sr. Rehabilitation
Counselor) :
5 years with DRS

Schools:
Watertown,
Milbank, Big Stone
City, Waverly

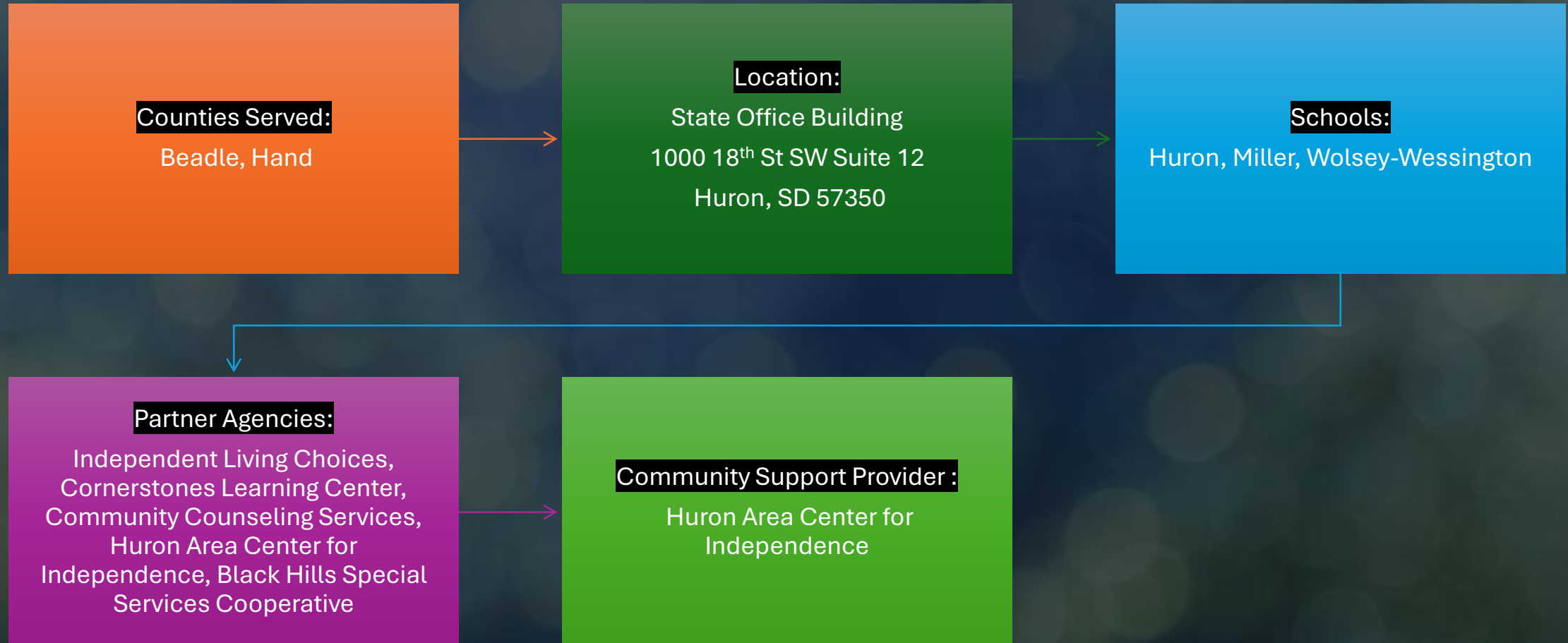
Heidi Hochstatter
(Rehabilitation
Counselor) :
7 years with DRS

Schools:
Watertown,
Hamlin,
Castlewood

Tiffany Duvall
(Rehabilitation
Counselor) :
2 years with DRS

Schools:
Sisseton, Wilmot,
Rosholt

Huron Office Stats



Huron Office Staff

- Amy Fink (Sr. Rehabilitation Counselor)
 - 7 Years with DRS
 - Schools:
 - Huron, Miller, Wolsey-Wessington



A map of South Dakota with county boundaries and names. The map is partially obscured by text boxes. Visible county names include: Harding, Corson, Campbell, McPherson, Marshall, Roberts, Brown, Walworth, Edmunds, Day, Grant, Dewey, Potter, Faulk, Meade, Lawrence, Stanley, Hughes, Hyde, Hand, Hamlin, Beadle, Kingsbury, Brookings, Haakon, Lyman, Gregory, Charles Mix, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, Union, and Union.

Challenges

Providers are stretched across the territory

- Fatigue
- Windshield time
- Turnover

Complex Client Needs

- More counseling, More services

Distance to Specialty / Comprehensive Services

Loss of Department of Labor Office in Brookings / Madison



Successes



Brookings Project Search at SDSU

Just began our 12th year serving students
Recognized at 2025 National Conference for excellent employment outcomes



Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at SDSU

Continues to work closely with our agency to further the education of our staff and assist with the development of future counselors



Increase in collaboration with local school districts

Job prep classes and information, regular presence in the schools



Questions?

Thank you for
your time and
support for our
District !

**THIS OFFICE
RUNS ON
HARD WORK,
LAUGHTER
AND A LOT
OF COFFEE.**