

Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment


Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)

Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI)

What is the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment (CSNA)


A Review and assessment of the Agency's service history with an emphases on the past three program years.

Program Years of 2017, 2018, 2019



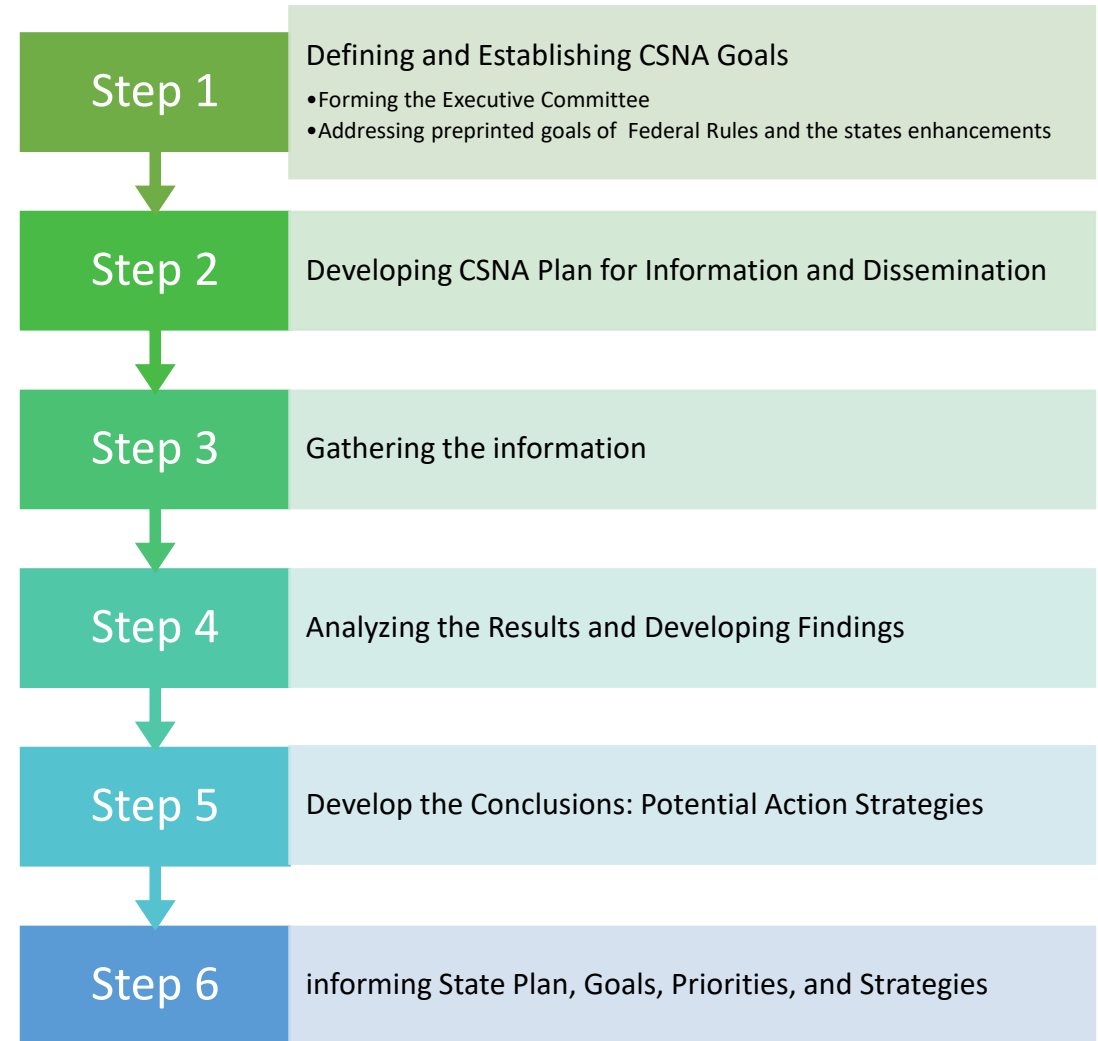
An assessment of what is projected to be needed to serve in the next three program years.

Program Years of 2020, 2021 and 2022



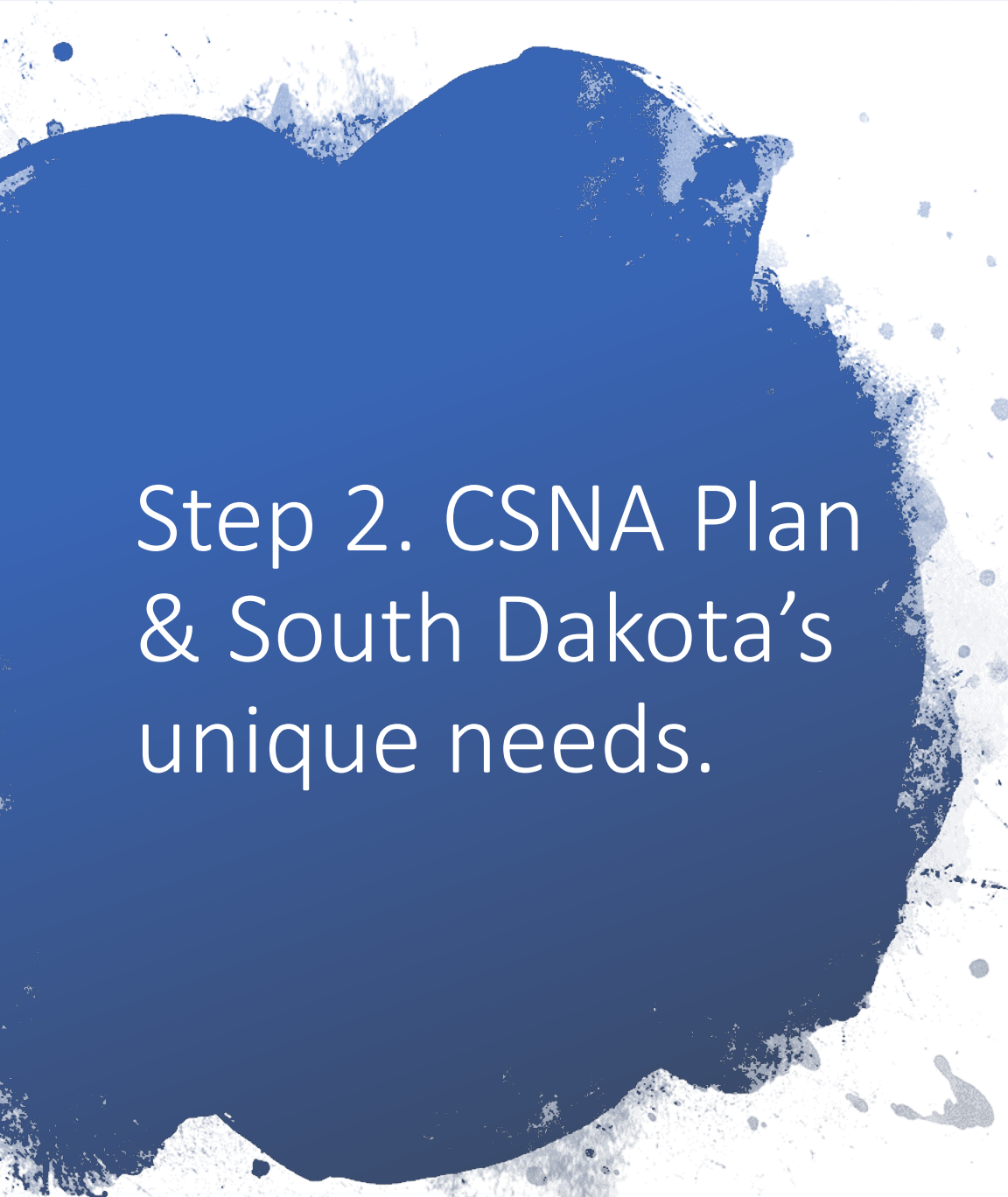
The basis for refreshing the Statewide Program Goals and strategies of Service for the next three program years.

How is the CSNA planned and Designed



Step 2. CSNA Plan & the Federal Format

- The Federal partner requires for identifying needs and strategy:
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Persons with most significant disabilities
 - Minority groups
 - Unserved or Underserved
 - Individual's served through other components of the work force system
 - Youth and students served through pre-employment, other transitions or IDEA coordinated programs
 - Need to establish or develop Community Rehabilitation Programs (CRP) services (CRPs are Community Support Providers, Mental Health Centers and other similar agencies providing employment related services)



Step 2. CSNA Plan & South Dakota's unique needs.

What unique characteristics of the state of South Dakota need to be addressed in the design of the Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment for DRS and SBVI.

Step 3. Gathering the information *voice of need*

- Field Needs Assessment (Counselors, CRPs, Transitions and Pre-employment)
- Needs Literature Review
- Informed Leaders Interviews:
 - Work Force
 - Education
 - Assistive technology
 - Mental Health Services
 - DRS
 - SBVI
 - Tribal VR Programs
- Data Review: annual reports and trends.
- DRS and SBVI Board meeting minutes
- Listening Sessions (?)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act



- the Governor of each State must submit a **Unified** or Combined State Plan to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor that outlines a four-year strategy for the State's workforce development system.
 - Our work in this CSNA feeds into the 2020 South Dakota Workforce Unified Plan.
 - the Unified Plan initiates July 1 2020.
 - This CSNA needs to be ready to provide the revised strategies to the DRS/SBVI Central Offices by the end of September 2019.

Executive CSNA Committee

- The Executive Committee
 - Advises on the CSNA scope and goals
 - Membership:
 - Eric Weiss
 - Gaye Mattke
 - DRS Board Chair
 - SBVI Board Chair
 - Bernie Grimme
 - Ronda Williams

Steps 4-6
The Responsive
Plans: **DRS**
*The Voice of People
with Disabilities
inform the Trends
(Narrative and
Numbers)*

The DRS Goals and strategy

Goal 1: Students will enter their adult lives capable of self-advocacy with sufficient experience to make choices about work and career, being appropriately supported and living as independently as possible.

Goal 2: A strong statewide community with DRS presence and partnerships with business, service providers, schools, State Government, workforce system and service organizations.

Goal 3: DRS clients will have greater access to transportation services needed to obtain and maintain employment.

Goal 4: A VR Services delivery system that results in enhanced earnings, employee benefits, retention and career advancement for individuals with the most significant disabilities.

Goal 5: DRS clients will have the skills, motivation and supports necessary to make an informed choice for successful daily living, employment, money management, personal and work relationships.

Not getting lost in the big river

Steps 4-6

The Responsive

Plans: **SBVI**

The Voice of People with Disabilities inform the Trends

(Narrative and Numbers)

Develop	Goal 1: Develop outreach methods so that referral sources, businesses and citizens who are blind or visually impaired are aware of the unique services provided by SBVI.
Improve	Goal 2: Improve earnings, benefits, and career advancement for citizens with vision loss.
Ensure	Goal 3: Ensure those who participate in Vocational Rehabilitation have access to an array of services through the workforce system that support career pathways and result in optimal employment outcomes.
Strengthen	Goal 4: Strengthen the agency's ability to provide quality services to citizens with vision loss who have barriers to employment.
Provide	Goal 5: Provide quality transition services to youth with vision loss that facilitate movement from school to post-secondary education and/or successful employment

- September 2019
 - DRS and SBVI in consultation with Boards: Develop the Conclusions: Potential Action Strategies (Step 5)
 - Informing State Plan, Goals, Priorities, and Strategies. (Step 6)
 - Public Hearings (?)
 - Submit to Secretaries (the bigger river)

Step 6: Into the Unified Plan