

**SD COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
MINI GRANT APPLICATION - - TITLE PAGE**

Applicant Organization Linking The Gap Counseling

Address 3922 S. Western Ave Sioux Falls

Telephone 6056815215 Federal ID Number _____

Project Director Jennifer Walker

Address/Telephone _____

Email Address: _____

Type of Organization For profit Tax Exempt? NA

Under "Type of Organization" indicate all of the following that apply: State, county, municipality, or other public institution; nonprofit or profit private institution. If "nonprofit" and/or "tax exempt", proof of status may be requested.

Title of Project NADD conferene

Project Begins Oct 7 Project Ends Oct 9

Total Council Funds Requested 4,000 Total Project Budget 5,500.⁰⁰

Jennifer Walker
Authorizing Official (please type name) *Jennifer Walker* Signature

Title and address, if different from Project Director listed above.

| Description | (A) Requested DD Council Funds | (B) Allowable Match from Applicant ** | (C) Allowable Match from Other Agencies ** | (D) Total Contract Grant Budget (A + B + C) | (E) Un-allowable Match from Applicant & Other Agencies | (F) Total Project Budget (D + E) |
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| PERSONNEL | | | | | | |
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| TRAVEL | | | | | | |
| Air | 1200 | | | | | |
| Lodging | | 1,000 | | | | |
| meals | | 500 | | | | |
| CONTRACTUAL | | | | | | |
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| OPERATING EXPENSES | | | | | | |
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| EQUIPMENT | | | | | | |
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| OTHER | | | | | | |
| conference | 2800 | | | | | |
| Registration | | | | | | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 4,000.00 | 1,500.00 | | | | 5,500.00 |

** Be sure the Budget Narrative specifies the type of allowable match (in-kind, cash, etc.) and the source of the matching funds. Utilize the formulas found in the instructions to compute the percentages of Council funds and matching funds.



ASSURANCES

1. The applicant assures that grant funds made available under the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities will not be used to supplant state or local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would be made available for other similar activities.
2. The applicant assures that grant funds made available under the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities will be used to complement and augment rather than duplicate or replace services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families who are eligible for Federal assistance under other state programs.
3. The applicant assures that fund accounting, auditing, monitoring and such evaluation procedures as may be necessary to keep such records as the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities shall prescribe will be provided to assure fiscal control, proper management, and efficient disbursement of funds received through the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities.
4. A clear audit trail must be maintained for each source of funding. Receipts, expenditures and disbursements must be individually accounted for from each source of funds.
5. The applicant agrees to submit reports indicating activities undertaken, expenditures, match provided, program income and general progress of the project. Projects are required to submit a final report at the end of the grant funding period.
6. The applicant certifies that the program contained in its application meets all the requirements, that all the information is correct, that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies, and that the applicant will comply with all provisions of the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities and all other applicable laws.
7. The applicant understands that although an effort will be made to continue the funding of projects of proven effectiveness or with a record of proven success, each project must stand on its own merit each year. No project will be

guaranteed continued funding. NOTE: Projects/programs must re-apply annually for funding.

8. This agreement depends upon the continued availability of federal funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. This agreement will be terminated by the State if the Legislature fails to appropriate funds or grant expenditure authority. Termination for this reason is not a default by the State nor does it give rise to a claim against the State.
9. The applicant also understands and agrees: 1) that funds received are to be expended only for the purpose and activities covered by the applicant's approved application and budget, and 2) that the grant may be terminated at any time by the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities if the applicant fails to comply with the provisions of the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities legislation or any of the certified assurances listed above and in the grant agreement.

CERTIFICATION - I certify that I have read and reviewed the above assurances and will comply with all provisions of the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities legislation and all other applicable federal and state laws.

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| <i>Jennifer Walker</i> | 4/10/26 |
| _____ Signature of Authorizing Official | _____ Date |
| Jennifer Walker, MSW, LCSW-PIP, NADD-CC, QMHP Owner/clinical therapist | |

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Sample Grant Agreement (pages 15-29)

Project Report – Monthly or Quarterly (pages 30-33)

Sample In-Kind Contribution Form (page 34)

Final Report Instructions and Forms (pages 35-38)

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Participant Information (page 44-45)

Funding Request to Attend the NADD 2026 Conference

Applicant: Mason Kennedy, Nancie Kennedy, Annika Allen, Donovan Allen

Organization: Linking the Gap SD

Conference: National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) Annual Conference 2026

Purpose of Request

We are requesting financial support to attend the 2026 NADD Annual Conference, the leading national conference focused on mental health and developmental disabilities. Funding would support conference registration, travel, lodging, and related expenses through a professional development and travel stipend.

Attending this conference will strengthen South Dakota's capacity to provide specialized mental health services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) who also experience mental health conditions such as anxiety, depression, trauma, and complicated grief.

Rationale for Attendance

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities experience significantly higher rates of mental health conditions than the general population, yet access to clinicians trained in adapted mental health treatment remains extremely limited in South Dakota.

The NADD conference is the premier national training event focused specifically on dual diagnosis (IDD and mental health). It provides advanced education on:

- Adapted psychotherapy approaches for individuals with IDD
- Trauma-informed care for people with developmental disabilities
- Diagnostic considerations for dual diagnosis
- Behavioral health integration within disability services
- Community-based models that improve outcomes and reduce crisis services

As a clinician providing mental health services to individuals with developmental disabilities, attending this conference will enhance my ability to provide evidence-based, adaptive, and culturally responsive mental health care to this underserved population.

Benefits to South Dakota Communities

South Dakota has a growing recognition of the need for integrated behavioral health and developmental disability services. However, the state continues to face:

- Limited dual-diagnosis trained providers

- High reliance on crisis services
- Few clinicians trained in adapted therapeutic interventions

Participation in the NADD conference will directly benefit South Dakota communities by:

- Increasing the number of professionals trained in dual diagnosis best practices
- Improving access to adapted mental health treatment for individuals with IDD
- Supporting community-based services that reduce hospitalization and crisis interventions
- Enhancing collaboration between mental health providers, case managers, and disability services

Knowledge gained will be shared with other professionals and organizations in South Dakota through training, consultation, and supervision.

Benefits to Individuals and Families

Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities often experience misdiagnosis, untreated trauma, and barriers to traditional mental health treatment.

Attending this conference will allow me to strengthen skills in:

- Adapted Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Trauma-informed approaches for IDD
- Communication and emotional regulation supports
- Family-centered interventions

These skills will directly improve outcomes for individuals served through Linking the Gap SD, including:

- Increased capacity to serve the population with increasing competence, as well as increasing provider choice for individuals and families.
- Reduced crisis and emergency service utilization

Families and support teams will also benefit from improved guidance on how to support mental health needs in daily environments.

Alignment with the South Dakota Developmental Disabilities State Plan

The goals of the South Dakota Developmental Disabilities State Plan emphasize:

- Increasing access to community-based supports
- Promoting self-determination and independence
- Improving health and mental health outcomes
- Strengthening the capacity of providers serving individuals with developmental disabilities

Attending the NADD conference directly supports these priorities by increasing the availability of specialized behavioral health expertise for individuals with developmental disabilities living in South Dakota.

Enhanced training in dual diagnosis will support person-centered services, community integration, and improved quality of life for individuals with IDD.

Dissemination of Knowledge

Following the conference, information learned will be shared within the South Dakota provider community through:

- Professional trainings and presentations
- Clinical consultation with providers serving individuals with IDD
- Supervision of clinicians seeking to improve competency in dual diagnosis
- Resource development for families and service providers

This ensures that the benefits of attending extend beyond a single provider and contribute to broader systems improvement across the state.

Conclusion

Investing in specialized training through the NADD conference will strengthen South Dakota's capacity to provide high-quality mental health services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The knowledge gained will benefit not only my clinical practice but also the broader network of professionals serving this population across the state.

Thank you for considering this request to support professional development that directly improves services, outcomes, and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities in South Dakota.

