



# SD Deaf Resource & Outreach Programs

One DROP makes a lot of ripples

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## 01. HISTORY

Communication Service for the Deaf was founded in 1975 in Sioux Falls, SD. In 2014, the headquarters was moved to TX to expand the national operations. In 2023, the South Dakota programs separated into their own entity known as SD DROP.

## 02. MISSION

The mission of SD DROP is:

**Engaging in outreach to connect community members by sharing resources and removing barriers.**

## 03. VISION

The formal vision of the organization is still being formulated. Officially 29 days as an organization today.





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**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**  
Communication, advocacy,  
instruction and more



**EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION**  
Installing and training through the  
state equipment lending program



**ADVOCACY**  
Supporting individuals with  
disabilities or who are deaf that  
experience violence



**FUNDRAISING**  
Donors and grant applications  
to support camp activities and  
general operations

# What We Offer

## Communication Assistance Program



### Community Skills Training

Teach, mentor and guide participants to access community services and programs. Empower independence.



### Communication Assistance

Bridge communication gaps by teaching sign language and clarifying English concepts to participants in ASL



### Peer Support

Gathering with staff and other members of the community to share information, mentor, and enjoy social interactions



### Family Communication Assistance

Deaf adult role models working with families and deaf/hard of hearing children from birth to age 9 to teach sign language



# What We Offer

## Telecommunication Equipment Distribution (TED) program



Amplified  
Telephones



Captioned  
Telephones



iPhones and iPads



Accessories



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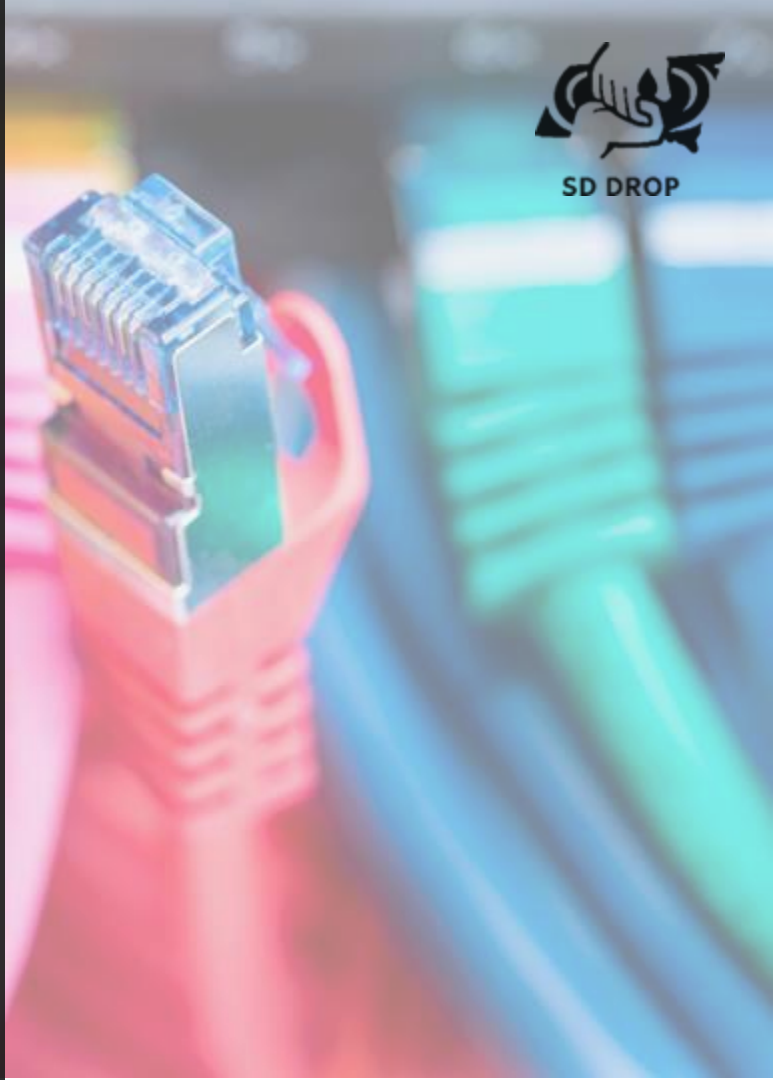
## Project LinkSD



**\$30/month  
internet service  
subsidy**



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# What We Offer

## Bridging South Dakota



### Training

Teaching service agencies at the intersection of disability and violence about abuse and access



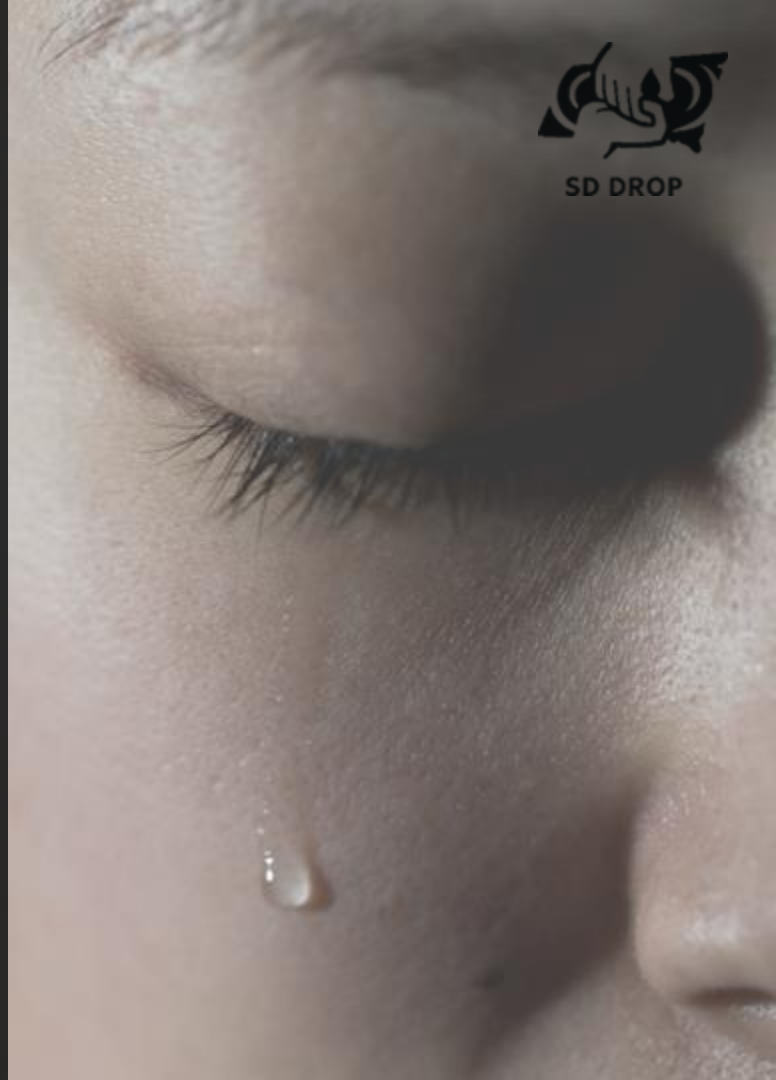
### Technical Assistance

Providing specialized information to law enforcement, service agencies, and courts



### Victim Advocacy

Supporting victim/survivors through their experience





# What We Offer

## High School Transition Camp



Career  
Assessment



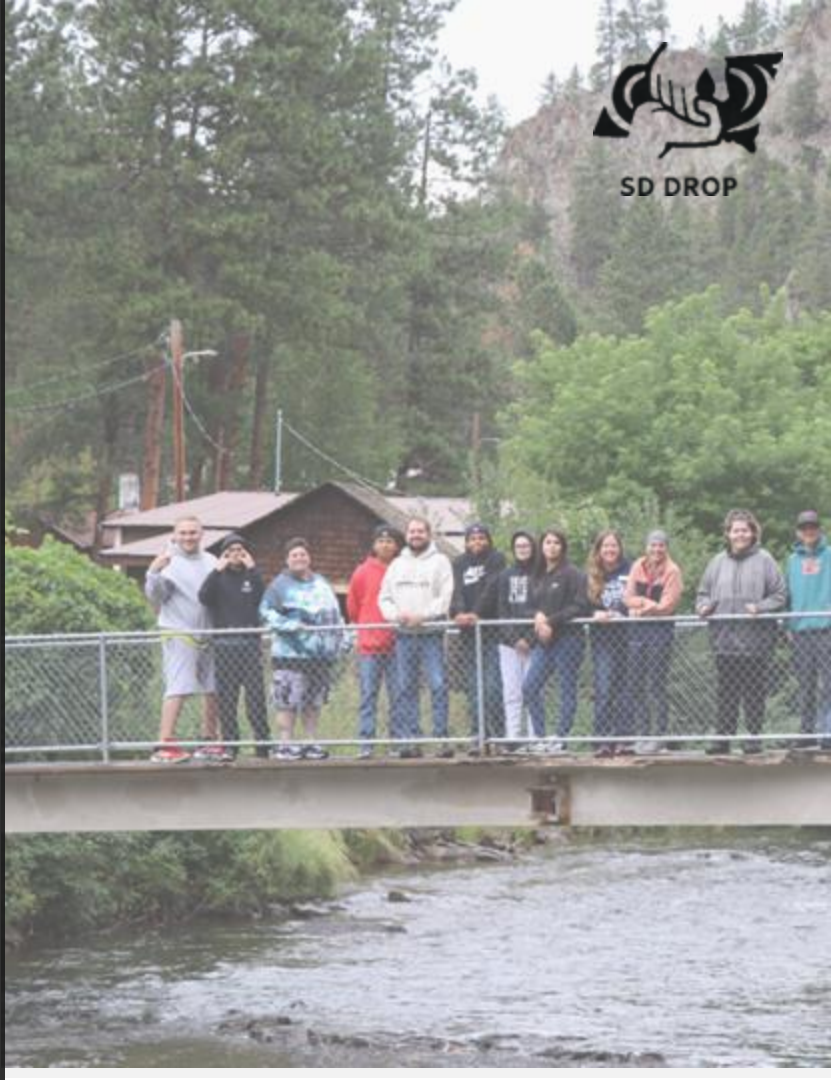
Job Shadowing



STEM Activities



Peer Interaction





# What We've Been Up To

And this is only since June!



**SDAD CONFERENCE BOOTH**

June 24<sup>th</sup> in Pierre



**CAMP UBU**

June 25-30 at Lake Poinsett Camp



**MARK RETIRES AFTER 33 YEARS**

June 11<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls



**SIoux FALLS OPEN HOUSE**

June 11<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls



**MIDWEST DEAF EDUCATION**

June 13-14<sup>th</sup> in Sioux Falls



**GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER**

June 10<sup>th</sup> in Canton

# What's Next?

**July '23**

Are you a student who is Deaf or Hard of Hearing?

Are you a high school senior?

If so, you should join us for a week in the Black Hills to learn about career opportunities, job interests, and what comes next on your journey through life.

**"GPS for Life" Camp**  
Monday, 7/17/23–Friday 7/21/23


Join us from SD Deaf Resource & Outreach Programs (formerly CSD of SD) and consultants from the SD Services for the Deaf will help in transporting students from across the state to us out at Cedar Canyon Camp in the beautiful Black Hills.

You will spend the week enjoying activities, having presenters, and taking a field trip to see some of the sights. Also learning some life skills and enjoying time to socialize with peers!

**How to scan:**

1. Open camera app on your phone
2. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view
3. Tap the notification to open the link

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!**



**SD DROP**  
SD Deaf Resource & Outreach Programs

**RIT** National Technical Institute for the Deaf

**FOUNDATION**

**GPS FOR LIFE-  
HIGH SCHOOL CAMP**

## AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE ONLINE CLASS

**WHEN**  
Tuesday nights,  
March 15th-May 3rd

**COMMUNITY ASL  
CLASSES**

**TRANSITION SUMMER  
INSTITUTE  
2023**

**Registration  
Now Open!**

**Arrowwood Resort  
At Cedar Shore  
Oacoma, SD**

July 11: 8:00am-5:30pm  
July 12: 8:00am-4:00pm

General and breakout sessions designed for secondary special and general educators, administrators, parents, students and agency personnel.

Continuing education contact hours or see graduate credit (pending)

**Register Now!**  
Reg Fee: \$100.00  
Registrations Due June 30<sup>th</sup>

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TECHNICAL SKILLS LEARNING PROGRAM

**South Dakota  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**

**DHS**

**TRANSITION  
SUMMER INSTITUTE**

**ADA Anniversary Picnic**  
**Wednesday July 26, 2023**  
**11:00AM to 1:00PM**  
**Main Street Square**  
**Rapid City**



**Sponsored by the Disability Awareness**

**ADA PICNIC IN  
RAPID CITY**

# Meet Our Team



**Lance Sigdestad**  
Executive Director



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