South Dakota Conference on Developmental Disabilities Grant Proposal

Plain Language Summary

- The proposal asks for $65,858 to help with the cost of having the 2025 South Dakota Conference on Developmental Disabilities.
- The University of South Dakota, Center for Disabilities helps run the event.
- Many groups, including people with disabilities, help plan the event.
- People with disabilities have problems like not enough healthcare, mental health issues, not enough money, and getting older.
- People with disabilities need better care that is easier to get in South Dakota.
- This project will help make the care system stronger.
- It will help people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers.
- The conference is open to everyone.
- It is for people with disabilities, their families, and workers in healthcare, education, and mental health.
- People from state and community agencies are invited too.
- The conference wants to reach people who don't get enough help.
- Tribal members and their communities are also asked to join so the whole state is included.
- The event helps people work together to solve problems.
- Important topics talked about at the event are mental health, Native American health, technology, and leadership.
- Over 200 people came in 2021, and more than 300 came in 2023.
- The proposal wants the event to keep growing and help with disability issues.
- The conference will have over 25 sessions about different things, including:
    - Apps and software to help people with disabilities live on their own.
    - Tools to help build a good life.
    - How people process sensory information.
    - How disability and abuse/assault are connected.
    - Services for people with disabilities.
    - What guardianship is and other choices instead of guardianship.
    - Helping families during big life changes.
    - Giving care that respects different cultures.
    - Assistive technology to help people with disabilities.