SD COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
GRANT APPLICATION - - TITLE PAGE

Applicant Organization University of South Dakota

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Type of Organization Public Institution of Higher Education

Tax Exempt? Tax Exempt

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 Developmental Disabilities Council Public Information

Project Begins 4/1/2022 Project Ends 3/30/2023

Total Council Funds Requested $23,000 Total Project Budget $29,953

Authorizing Official (please type name) Signature

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

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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Signature of Authorizing Official Date

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Typed Name and Title

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Address

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Telephone Number

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Center for Disabilities
Abstract

The Center for Disabilities is dedicated to the continuation of outreach, education, and engagement of stakeholders in the state of South Dakota and beyond. We strive to develop and disseminate timely and accurate information and resources to self-advocates, families, employers, professionals, legislators, and community members so that increased awareness of disability issues may be acquired and barriers for inclusion may be reduced.

In this application, the Center for Disabilities proposes to

- Provide dissemination of the many resources and handbooks we have available;
- Continue efforts to update existing resources, targeting one per year on a rolling basis;
- Purchase current best practice products for dissemination via the Wegner Library;
- Create and disseminate information in infographic and video formats;
- Acquire and store South Dakota specific images for use within multiple Developmental Disabilities Network projects including, but not limited to, flyers, infographics, magazines, and videos;
- Integrate involvement and needs of tribal and rural communities in the development of products and resources;
- Produce and disseminate the South Dakota Possibilities magazine; and
- Continue increasing the awareness of the Developmental Disabilities Council's online presence with the dissemination of digital media on the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities' Facebook page.

The evaluation process will be done through online satisfaction data outlets whenever possible. We anticipate higher participation through the provision of multiple avenues of gathering feedback.

The Center for Disabilities respectfully requests $23,000 for the Public Information and Awareness grant of 2022-2023. This is the same amount granted for last year's FY22 Grant. The additional $5,000 was instrumental in obtaining specialized skills in graphic design, video production, web-based information, photography and event planning.

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Project Narrative

Statement of Need

The South Dakota Developmental Disabilities Council, in collaboration with the Center for Disabilities and Disability Rights South Dakota, has a rich history of dedication to consumer-friendly information dissemination for parents, self-advocates, professionals and stakeholders. Many of the current dissemination efforts and products are well received throughout the region. The Center has expanded into the creation and dissemination of timely and easily consumable topical vignettes and formats.

Goals. Objectives, and Action Plan

1. The Center for Disabilities will continue dissemination of available products agreed upon in areas of emphasis including:
    a) Resource Guide for People with Disabilities
    b) Developmental Disabilities Handbook
    c) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Handbook
    d) Autism Spectrum Disorder LibGuide
    e) Birth to 3 LibGuide
    f) Deaf-Blind LibGuide
    g) Other video and printed materials that enhance public knowledge and awareness of developmental disability issues and services important to people with disabilities and their families
    h) Continued support for dissemination and purchase of current best practice materials for the Wegner Library
    i) Maintenance of the toll-free number

2. The Center for Disabilities will continue efforts to ensure resources disseminated are current. One product each year will be targeted to begin updating. Resources from other grants will be assisting in production due to other professionals aiding in updating. For FY23, the Center for Disabilities plans on the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Educational Strategist Handbook. For FY24, another resource will be selected to either update or replace.

    Criteria for the selection of each product to update will be determined by a combination of factors, including: age of product, number of products disseminated, degree to which the information is no longer current, and other factors in consultation with the Developmental Disabilities Council and stakeholders. Diligent efforts to avoid duplication of similar products produced by other organizations and stakeholders will be ongoing.

    Additional efforts will also be made to develop new products to address emerging disability issues. Although these efforts may be funded in part by sources outside of this grant, efforts will be made to integrate the goals and objectives of this project into those activities. An example is a South Dakota TIPS for First Responders. While still in development, SD TIPS is a website and app TIPS free to first responders, disaster service providers and voluntary agencies. SD TIPS provides guidelines on including individuals with disabilities in evacuation and sheltering procedures. As well as contact information for organizations and advocacy groups knowledgeable about access and functional needs.

3. The Center for Disabilities will expand the reach of the Developmental Disabilities Network through:
   A. Creation and dissemination of information in novel formats
      - Informational videos
      - Infographic materials
      - South Dakota Possibilities magazine
      - Emerging technology
      - Materials which specifically address issues experienced by persons with developmental disabilities in tribal communities

   B. Continued expansion of South Dakota specific photos
      - Creation and expansion of bank of images for use in multiple illustrations (including culturally responsive images, and images that are representative of the entire population)

   C. Increase visibility of the South Dakota Developmental Disabilities Council through multiple digital formats relating to and highlighting current initiatives and special occasions and events
      - Continued support for posting on the South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities' Facebook Page
        i. Primary management by Center staff
        ii. Administrative rights shared by South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities and Center for Disabilities
      - Images
      - Other formats as suggested or requested

The Center will produce and publish, at a minimum, three informational videos and three infographics or informational briefs during the course of this grant funding cycle. Topics and dissemination will occur in collaboration with the South Dakota Developmental Disabilities Council to ensure new materials are selected within areas of pressing need or to highlight new information for people with developmental disabilities as well as their families and caregivers. Specific attention and a commitment to tribal communities will be maintained through active partnership with collaborators in these underserved areas of South Dakota. Two products will be geared in the areas of need within tribal communities. All designs and topic areas for these new products will be driven from our Native American peers.

The Center plans to continue the expansion of photography featuring South Dakota events and people. In doing this it will decrease dependence on and use of stock images in public information and awareness campaigns. The use of real-life photographs and materials featuring individuals, families, siblings and service providers will better represent our constituents and stakeholders and offer a more local feel to new products and initiatives.

Digital images will be created and disseminated through social media, within videos, or in tandem with infographic materials. These items will be created by Center staff. We anticipate that these images will create awareness of current issues, initiatives and trending hashtags to include persons with disabilities and stakeholders within conversations locally and regionally.

The Center for Disabilities plans to engage with South Dakota Advocates for Change (SDAC) and statewide tribal communities, to cultivate concepts and viewpoints for products to be developed and disseminated. This will be done through focus groups, meetings and/or conference calls. There will be between two to four products that result from this community teamwork.

The Center will be monitoring and reviewing all data and feedback to insure timely and meaningful representation of products and resources that address the community of developmental disabilities needs and preferences. Project staff will meet for project planning, development, and management to ensure all activities and products are completed and disseminated as proposed within specified timelines.

Measurable Objective

The Center for Disabilities will continue to report dissemination numbers in the areas of website visits of our resource pages. With the creation and dissemination of digital media as proposed as well as the creation of the South Dakota Council Developmental Disabilities' Facebook page, the Center will be able to demonstrate an increase in dissemination through reporting of number of persons reached by social media. The Facebook page will also come to serve as a standing repository for these informational items.

Organization and Staff Qualifications

Attached is the CV for Kendra Gottsleben, Principal Investigator for this award. See separate attachment.

Kendra Gottsleben, B.A., is a Marketing Communications Specialist at USD's Center for Disabilities. Ms. Gottsleben earned her degree in Psychology and Sociology from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD. Gottsleben spearheads completion of the Center's Community Connections and South Dakota Possibilities publications, manages the Center's websites and social media accounts, emails information regarding upcoming Center trainings and events, and directs correspondence from the public so applicable Center staff can respond to inquiries. Ms. Gottsleben has also assisted multiple entities engaged in self-advocacy and self-determination and served on boards and councils at the state and national levels; practices which have been informed by her own experience with a rare genetic condition. She will function as the project coordinator overseeing production of the Possibilities magazine and other print products as well as managing the website and all social media platforms.

Brandon Wenzel is a Department Assistant at USD's Center for Disabilities. Mr. Wenzel's primary role on this project will be utilizing his expertise and skills in graphic design, marketing, and video editing to support the information dissemination activities listed.

Evaluation and Consumer Satisfaction Information

The Center will collect evaluation and consumer satisfaction information as requested through the Survey of Grantees and any other means requested by the SD DD Council.

Data required to demonstrate progress towards project completion and attainment of measurable objectives will be reported by the Project Director and staff affiliated with dissemination and social media campaigns. Metrics to be gathered include:

- Number of products produced, updated, or replaced;
- Number of people receiving products/information;
- Number and type of dissemination activities;
- Degree products and information reflect the needs and preferences of constituency groups as measured by survey data or focus groups with Self-Advocates for Change and Native American participants;
- Number satisfied on Center's website survey;
- Number of followers and likes on social media measures;
- When possible, we will measure satisfaction and impact through Likert scale responses to a survey evaluation form;

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)
PERSONNEL	**$12,035**	**$14,388**	**$0**	**$14,388**	**$0**	**$14,388**
Salaries						
Jana Richardson 2.5%		1,847		1,847		1,847
Kendra Gottsleben 15%	6,719	6,719		6,719		6,719
Brandon Wenzel 5%	1,780	1,780		1,780		1,780
Benefits						
Jana Richardson 2.5%		506		506		506
Kendra Gottsleben 15%	2,793	2,793		2,793		2,793
Brandon Wenzel 5%	743	743		743		743
TRAVEL	**$500**	**$500**	**$0**	**$500**	**$0**	**$500**
In-State Travel	500	500		500		500
CONTRACTUAL	**$2,000**	**$2,000**	**$0**	**$2,000**	**$0**	**$2,000**
Possibilities Interviewer/author	2,000	2,000		2,000		2000
OPERATING EXPENSES	**$1,080**	**$1,080**	**$0**	**$1,080**	**$0**	**$1,080**
Copying	100	100		100		100
Postage	200	200		200		200
Telephone	780	780		780		780
OTHER	**$6,290**	**$6,290**	**$0**	**$6,290**	**$0**	**$6,290**
Wegner Library Resources	500	500		500		500
Website Maintenance	530	530		530		530
Printing	4,500	4,500		4,500		4,500
Graphic Design	760	760		760		760
F& A	**$1,095**	**$5,695**	**$0**	**$5,695**	**$0**	**$5,695**
Indirects - 5%	1,095	1,095		1,095		1,095
Unrecovered Indirects 21%		4,600		4,600		4,600
GRAND TOTAL	**$23,000**	**$29,953**	**$0**	**$29,953**	**$0**	**$29,953**

Budget Sheet and Narrative

April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023

Salaries

Staff	Annual Salary	Grant Salary	% Effort
Kendra Gottsleben	$44,790	$6,719	15%
Brandon Wenzel	$35,590	$1,780	5%

This expense includes the coverage of time for staff to update current materials, create content, and collaborate on the creation of novel products to include infographics and videos.

Benefits

Staff	Benefits	% of Salary
Kendra Gottsleben	$2,792	41.5%
Brandon Wenzel	$743	41.7%

Employer paid variable benefits rate is 14.009% of salary plus a fixed health benefit rate of $9,872 per permanent employee above .5FTE. Kendra is a permanent .8FTE employee but receives the full health benefit rate of $9,872.

Requested DD Council Funds $ 12,035.00 ($8,499 salary & $3,536 benefits)

Travel

Funds are requested to cover travel to take pictures for the Possibilities magazine and other products and to attend planning meetings with Self Advocates for Change for product development at a rate of $ .34 per mile for a university car for project staff.

Requested DD Council Funds $500.00

Contractual

This expense supports the collaboration a contractual agent to conduct interviews and write stories for the South Dakota Possibilities publication highlighting success stories in South Dakota at a rate of $50 per hour at an estimated cost of $200 per story X 8-10 stories.

Requested DD Council Funds $2,000.00

Operating Expenses

This expense will include copying, postage, and the 800-number offered to ensure toll free access to Center staff.

Requested DD Council Funds $1,080.00

Equipment

None requested

Other

This expense will ensure the purchase of additional items to be housed at the Wegner library.

Requested DD Council Funds $500.00

Printing and Graphic Design

This expense will cover costs of printing the Possibilities Magazine and new or updated print products.

Requested DD Council Funds $5,260.00

Website Maintenance

Requested DD Council Fund $530.00

Indirect

Indirect costs are calculated at 5% of the grant funds.

Requested DD Council Funds $1,095.00

Total DD Council Funds $23,000

Match Budget Narrative

Salaries - $1,847

Staff	Annual Salary	Grant Salary	% Effort
Jana Richardson	$73,863	$1,847	2.5%

Jana Richardson, Financial Specialist: Jana Richardson will be responsible for the fiscal management of the project which includes oversight of all financial activities related to the project. Her direct involvement includes maintaining current financial records and the responsibility of quarterly billings. Ms. Richardson also serves as the fiscal liaison for the Center with the University of South Dakota and monitors accounts payable policies and operating procedures to ensure compliance.

Benefits - $506

Staff	Benefits	% of Salary
Jana Richardson	$506	27.4%

Employer paid variable benefits rate is 14.009% of salary plus a fixed health benefit rate of $9,872 per permanent employee above .5FTE.

Unrecovered Indirects: $4,600

Total Match Budget: $6,953

The total project budget (DD Council funds and allowable match from applicant) is

$29,953

Kendra Gottsleben - CV

Education

Augustana University May 2010
Sioux Falls, South Dakota Bachelor of Arts: Sociology and Psychology

Work Experience

Center for Disabilities Marketing Communication Specialist
Sioux Falls, SD October 2010-present

Dougherty Hospice House Intern,
Sioux Falls, SD August 2009

Pediatrics Palliative Care Intern, *Sanford Children's Hospital*
Sioux Falls, SD June 2009

Children's Miracle Network Intern, *Sanford Hospital*
Sioux Falls, SD January 2009

Patient Advisory Board Participant June 2008-August 2010

- Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) VI Patient Advisory Board Conference consultant on living with MPS VI, Vancouver, BC, 2008.
- MPS VI Patient Advisory Board Conference informational representative for young teens having MPS VI, San Francisco, CA, 2009.
- Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS) VI Patient Advisory Board Conference expert on dealing with MPS VI life issues, Minneapolis, MN, 2010.
- NORD (National Organization of Rare Diseases) Patient Advisory Board Conference consultant on living with MPS VI, Newark, NJ, 2013.
- MPS VI Patient Advisory Board Conference informational representative for adults having MPS VI, Boston, MA, 2014.

Clinical Research Participant March 2001-June 2005
Oakland Children's Research Hospital, Oakland, CA

- Participated in a Clinical Research Trial, Phase II.
- Aided as a medical patient in the FDA approval of an enzyme drug, Naglazyme.

Professional Participation

- Southeast Technical College Access and Workforce Opportunity Advisory Committee, 2021-Present
- ADA (American Disability Act) 30th Anniversary Celebration committee member, Sioux Falls, SD, 2019-2020
- Sanford CoRDs External Advisory Board, Sioux Falls, SD, 2018-Present
- South Dakota Muscular Dystrophy Association's Gala committee member, Sioux Falls, SD, 2018-2019
- Chair of MPS Society Adult Advocacy Committee (MPS VI representative), Durham, NC, 2017-2018
- MPS Society Adult Resource Committee (MPS VI representative), Durham, NC, 2016-Present
- Dow Rummel Board of Trustees, Sioux Falls, SD, 2016-Present

- Seeker Health Board of Advisors, Palo Alto, CA, 2016-2020
- Dow Rummel Fund Development Committee, SD, 2016-2018
- ADA (American Disability Act) 25th Anniversary Celebration committee member, Sioux Falls, SD, 2014-2015
- Governors Board of Vocational Rehabilitations member, Pierre, SD, 2014-2020
- Chair of ArtAbility Exhibit in Sioux Falls, SD, 2014-2016
- EmBe Women's Leadership Program, Sioux Falls, SD, 2014
- Disability Awareness Commission member, Sioux Fall, SD, 2012-2018
- Served as a mentor at Youth Leadership Forum, Aberdeen, SD, 2011-2014
- Featured as one of *The Young Leaders* of the Year by *605 Magazine*, Sioux Falls, SD 2013.

Volunteer Participation with Non-Profits

- Co-Chair of Ms. Wheelchair South Dakota, Sioux Fall, SD, 2014-2016
- Social Media Team Member of the Runway of Dreams Foundation, Livingston, NJ, 2014-2020

Nominations and Awards

- South Dakota Governor's Award for Outstanding Individual with a Disability, Pierre, SD, 2020
- "I Love Life" Award, Sioux Falls, SD, 2018
- Youth Leadership Forum (YLF)'s Richard L. Hicks Award, Aberdeen, SD, 2017
- National MPS Society Outstanding Membership Achievement Award, Columbus, OH, 2016
- Nominated for the YWCA (now known as EmBe) Tribute to Women Award—Tomorrow's Leader, Sioux Falls, SD, 2013

Media Interviews

- Adnexi Livestream Interview
  https://youtu.be/dLGNgFf07LU
- Making Lemonade | Leadmore Podcast, Episode #22
  https://youtu.be/_N3vHHhHc2k
- 15th Candles, 2020
  https://vimeo.com/429387117?fbclid=IwAR1zxVrX4h4Un7J0Wpu8Kt3IIfkY-MKswk2zE6kygWwYTqRqughfDl95mGM
- The Gamut Network, 2020
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmU_aD1eflA
- KELO News, 2020
  https://www.keloland.com/news/local-news/my-immune-system-is-very-susceptible-woman-with-rare-disease-wants-you-to-take-covid-19-seriously/
- KELO News, 2020
  https://www.keloland.com/news/eye-on-keloland/kendras-perfect-dance-routine/
- Xceptional Leader Podcast, 2020
  https://directory.libsyn.com/episode/index/id/13662176?fbclid=IwAR0jI2-uzgm21Jfj306kn6t41PtsauYUGJ8KNoyWqgDKqbjKO11aEqWyWKM
- The Volant, 2020
  http://volanteonline.com/2020/01/making-lemonade-usd-center-for-disabilities-marketing-specialist-publishes-childrens-book/
- KELO News, 2019
  https://www.keloland.com/news/healthbeat/rare-disease-tour-comes-to-sioux-falls/
- The Good Work | When Life Gives You Lemons, 2019
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1775&v=oc-CSYUNgC4&feature=emb_logo
- Born Different: I'm 34 - And Only 39 Inches Tall, 2019

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdkqSsGHdo8&feature=emb_logo
- Ability for Hire: Meet Kendra, 2015
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFODCMk9-Y&feature=emb_logo
- The Making of NAGLAZYME, 2015
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-SsLCQXy4aA&feature=emb_logo
- KDLT News, 2012
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=10&v=guZg4n_6YHI&feature=emb_logo
- Viewpoint University Radio 1140 A.M. KSOO, 2012
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKdtb3drnyc&feature=emb_logo
- "I Love Life" 1000 A.M. KXRB, 2012
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YMRxV9L2t8&feature=emb_logo

Professional Publications & Presentations

- Contributing Writer to The Mighty, 2020
- MPS VI presenter for Ultragenyx, Novato, Cal, 2020
- MPS VI spokesperson at 16th Annual WORLDSymposium, Orlando, FL, 2020
- Published Book, *Kendra's Perfect Dance Routine*, 2019
- Speaker at Global Genes and the EveryLife Foundation's Rare on the Road, Sioux Falls, SD, 2019
- Co-presenter of "Alternatives to Guardianship," Aberdeen, SD, Sioux Falls, SD Mitchell, SD 2018
- Wrote Introduction to the book, *A Rare Breed*, 2017
- Published an article for *Don't Hide It, Flaunt It*, 2017
- Co-presenter at Center for Disabilities Symposium & JAM, "Alternatives to Guardianship" Sioux Falls, SD, 2017
- Speaker at "Living with Chronic Illness" support group, Sioux Fall, SD, 2015
- Published an article for *Don't Hide It, Flaunt It*, 2015
- Spokesperson at South Dakota Special Education Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, 2015
- Self-Published Book, *Kendra's Lemonade*, 2014
- Spokesperson at USD Medical School Cultural Immersion Day, Sioux Falls, SD, 2014-2019
- Presenter at Alpha Delta Kappa Regional Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, 2014
- Keynote speaker at Dare to Dream Conference, Aberdeen, SD, 2014
- Keynote speaker for Hawarden Public Library, Hawarden, IA, 2014
- MPS VI spokesperson at 10th Annual WORLDSymposium, San Diego, CA, 2014
- Keynote speaker for Women in Science Conference, Pierre, SD, 2014
- Keynote speaker for Center for Disabilities, Spring Symposium, Chamberlain, SD, 2014
- Keynote speaker for Cylinder Auxiliary Luncheon, Emmetsburg, IA, 2014
- Speaker at Emmetsburg Catholic School, Emmetsburg, IA, 2014
- Keynote speaker for Vermillion Lion's Club, Vermillion, SD, 2013
- Published an article for *Disability.gov*, 2013
- Published article in *Sprinkles Magazine*, 2013
- Published two articles for *Handicap This!*, 2012, 2013
- Published an article for *OurAbility.com*, 2013
- Published an article for *ThinkInclusive.com*, 2012
- Published an article for *Under30CEO.com*, 2012
- Spokesperson at local Diversity Conference, Sioux Falls, SD, 2012
- Self-Published Book, *Live Laugh Lemonade: A Journey of Choosing to Beat the Odds*, 2012
- Speaker at local Sibshop, Sioux Falls, SD, 2011
- Served on a panel for Disability Transition, Sioux Falls, SD, 2011
- Presenter at TEDx Sioux Fall titled: When Life Gives You Lemons, Sioux Falls, SD, 2010

- Served as spokesperson for Mount Marty College professors planning how to deal with future college students with disabilities, Yankton, SD, 2009
- Spokeswoman at the University of South Dakota Disability "Catch the Wave", Vermillion, SD, 2009

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Arlene Poncelet, Executive Director
South Dakota Council on Developmental Disabilities
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November 22, 2021

Dear Ms. Poncelet,

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the Center for Disabilities of South Dakota's application for the Public Information Grant.

Extending this funding will allow the Center for Disabilities to maintain their excellent work of producing and disseminating information and accessible materials to individuals with disabilities, along with their families and community members throughout South Dakota.

I am the parent of four children, the oldest of whom had profound and complex medical and developmental needs. Although he passed away earlier this year, during his lifetime our family was fortunate to enough to be on the receiving end of information, resources, and support provided by the Center for Disabilities. They and their partners have also been a source of support since his passing, proving that the assistance they provide extends across the lifespan and beyond. We sincerely appreciate the work and compassion exhibited by the Center for Disabilities, for not only our family but for so many others across South Dakota.

I hope you will consider extending their funding so the work may continue.

Yours sincerely,

Eleanor Turner