

SOUTH DAKOTA SERVICES FOR THE DEAF

Outreach Services



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Mission

South Dakota Services for the Deaf (SDSD) was established in 1880 to serve children identified as deaf or hard of hearing. SDSD's mission is to be a partner in educational success for children from birth through high school graduation.

SDSD serves as a resource by providing informed, evidence-based consultation to families, schools, and educational

teams statewide, in addition to both screening and diagnostic audiology services and multidisciplinary evaluations.

SDSD is devoted to delivering the specialized educational services and resources for South Dakota children who are deaf and hard of hearing, leading to their full and active participation.

Locations

SIOUX FALLS CLINIC
4101 W 38th St
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Outreach Services

Children living in the state of South Dakota who have been professionally identified as deaf or hard of hearing may be eligible for services through the SDSD Outreach Program upon request. Services can continue until a student graduates from high school. All services can be requested by parents, guardians, local educational agencies (LEA), or other service and medical providers and are provided at no cost.

Admissions

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Contact SDSD at 605.367.5200 to begin the process for admission to the Outreach Program. Be prepared to answer questions about your child, his/her hearing level, and local educational agency.
2. Once basic contact information is received, educational, audiology, and medical release forms will be sent for you to sign and return. This information is necessary to individualize services for your child and family.
3. Your child and family will be assigned an Outreach Consultant who will contact you to discuss your service needs.



Types of Service

EARLY INTERVENTION (HOME BASED)

SDSD offers early intervention services for children who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families.

Services may include:

- Information on hearing level, assistive technology, language development, and communication opportunities
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Communication choice support of sign language skills and/or training to facilitate listening and spoken language
- Demonstration of the use of hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM/DM systems, or other forms of listening technology
- Collaboration with other service providers such as speech-language pathologists, audiologists, cochlear implant teams, and educational teams
- Social opportunities and networking with the Deaf community, as well as connecting families raising children who are deaf or hard of hearing

SCHOOL-BASED

School-based services are provided for children and are designed to support school professionals who work with students who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Services may include:

- Staff in-services to share information about hearing level and its educational effects
- Technical assistance and orientation with hearing aids, cochlear implants, FM/DM and soundfield systems, interpreters, and other technology
- Communication choice support of sign language skills and/or training to facilitate listening and spoken language
- Participation in the development of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan
- Classroom peer presentations
- Educational strategies and materials

External Evaluations

External evaluations are available for educational agencies who serve children who are deaf or hard of hearing. SDSD team members have kept abreast of the many changes in the field of Deaf education and are able to serve children with any type of varied hearing level, listening technology, and/or communication methodology (e.g., ASL, Spoken English). The evaluation team is comprised of a group of highly qualified professionals who have decades of experience working with children who are deaf and hard of hearing and those with additional disabilities.

For information on scheduling external evaluations, contact Julie Luke, SDSD Service Coordinator, julie.luke@sdsd.sdbor.edu.



Audiology Services

SDSD has licensed and certified audiologists and audiology assistants.

Audiology services are provided as a state-funded program, at no cost to families and school districts. Any child from birth through high school graduation that resides in South Dakota has access to SDSD audiology services. Services are provided at the SDSD on-site clinics in Sioux Falls and Rapid City or off-site with the audiology screening teams.

More Information

For additional information on any SDSD services or to request services for a child, call 605-367-5200. **More resources available at www.sddeaf.org.**