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| **COVID-19** | **EVENTS**  For more information on events, visit the South Dakota Suicide Prevention [Calendar](https://sdsuicideprevention.org/events/).  **June**  4 – Survivor Support Group  14 – Sioux Falls Step Forward to Prevent Suicide  16 – Aliive Roberts County Coalition Meeting  17 – Glacial Lake SAFE Coalition Meeting  **July**  2 - Survivor Support Group  14 – Aliive Roberts County Coalition Meeting  15 – Glacial Lakes SAFE Coalition Meeting  20 – Helpline Open Golf Tournament  **August**  1 – Yankton Step Forward to Prevent Suicide  6 – Survivor Support Group  18 – Aliive Roberts County Coalition Meeting  19 – Glacial Lake SAFE Coalition Meeting  To request a training for your community, [click here](https://sdsuicideprevention.org/get-help/request-training/). |
| **Caring for Your Children During COVID-19**  Amidst the COVID-19 outbreak, everyday life has changed and will continue to change for most people in the United States, often with little notice. Children may struggle with significant adjustments to their routines, which may interfere with their sense of structure, predictability, and security. While most children eventually return to their typical functioning when they receive consistent support from sensitive and responsive caregivers, others are at risk of developing significant mental health problems, including trauma-related-stress, anxiety, and depression.  We have a compiled a list of resources for caring for your children during this time. To view these resources, please visit the Caring for Your Children drop-down on the [South Dakota Suicide Prevention](https://sdsuicideprevention.org/about-suicide/coronavirus-covid-19/) website. |
| **EDUCATION & TRAINING** |
| **Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training**  [South Dakota Codified Law 13-42-71](https://sdlegislature.gov/Statutes/Codified_Laws/DisplayStatute.aspx?Type=Statute&Statute=13-42-71) requires anyone applying for an initial or renewal certificate as a teacher, administrator or other education professional to participate in a minimum of one clock hour of suicide awareness and prevention training. Online training is available for educators to meet this requirement. Visit our [Educators](https://sdsuicideprevention.org/professionals/school-staff/) page to learn about available training and other resources for educators. |
| **COMMUNICATIONS** |
| **Text4Hope**  The Helpline Center’s [Text4Hope](https://www.helplinecenter.org/suicide-and-crisis-support/high-school-texting/) program provides crisis texting support for all high school students in the state of South Dakota. Since texting is the preferred means of communication for adolescents, offering a crisis texting program allows students to share their concerns privately with trusted staff. Students can text “icare” to 898211 to reach Helpline Center staff. Help is available 24/7. |
| **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** |
| **Community Toolkits**  Communities can play a critical role in suicide prevention. Community toolkits provide step-by-step guides and a comprehensive approach for communities to engage in suicide prevention. [Click here](https://sdsuicideprevention.org/toolkits/community/) to see the community toolkits. |
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