

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

“Bright Spot” Suicide Learning Collaborative

Join partners in suicide prevention to celebrate Bright Spots, successful and impactful work going on right here in South Dakota. This learning collaborative will take place monthly. There will be a brief presentation from a partner in South Dakota followed by discussion and networking. This is a great opportunity to learn from various organizations and take back to the communities that you serve so we encourage you to attend all virtual meetings. Visit the [South Dakota Suicide Prevention](https://www.southdakotasuicideprevention.org/) website to register.

Suicide Prevention Month - September

September was Suicide Prevention Month and providers across the state facilitated a variety of different activities and events. For example, Southern Plains Behavioral Health hosted a local suicide walk in the park passing out promotional and educational materials.



FUNDING AWARDS/OPPORTUNITIES

Mental Health Awareness Training Grant

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health was awarded the Mental Health Awareness Training grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Agency (SAMHSA). This project will support training for school-aged youth (18 and under) and youth-serving adults including school personnel, youth-serving organizations, and parents/guardian of youth. To learn more about the award, please visit:

https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/grantinfo/Mental_Health_Awareness_Training_Grant.pdf

South Dakota Department of Health Opportunities

WorkWell Mental Health Grant: This is an opportunity for you to become a worksite that values mental wellness and fosters a supportive work culture through organizational, environmental, and individual interventions. Full application, grant information and deadline: <https://healthysd.gov/fundingopportunities/>

Communities That Care: The Communities That Care funding opportunity is a community-based prevention system proven to reduce youth health and behavior problems aimed at preventing, reducing or responding to risk factors like substance abuse, overdose and suicide. Full application, grant information and deadline:

<https://www.communitiesthatcare.net/>

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline/988

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, NSPL, (1-800-273-8255) is answered in South Dakota by the Helpline Center. In 2020, 3,811 calls were answered with 81% of the crisis calls able to be supported without additional intervention. Effective July 2022, the Lifeline number transitions to an easy to remember three-digit number, 988. If you are or your loved one is experiencing a behavioral health crisis, please call 1-800-273-8255.

EVENTS

For more information on events, visit the [South Dakota Suicide Prevention Calendar](https://www.southdakotasuicideprevention.org/calendar).

October

28 – “Bright Spot” Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative

November

18 – “Bright Spot” Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative
21 – International of Survivors of Suicide Loss Day

December

16 – “Bright Spot” Suicide Prevention Learning Collaborative

Remember, free training is available! To find the [list of trainings](#) and to request a training for your community, [click here](#).