

## DATA BRIEF

Overview of Violence  
Prevention Risk and Protective Factors

### WHO IS CPCM?

The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (CPCM) is developing sustainable solutions to reduce all forms of child maltreatment in South Dakota.

Creating safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments paves the way for all children and families to flourish.

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### THERE ARE THREE PILLARS OF OUR WORK

#### **KNOW:**

Building knowledge of best practices, data, and research

#### **RESPOND:**

Fostering multidisciplinary response and intervention

#### **PREVENT:**

Uniting South Dakotans in prevention efforts by creating trauma- and healing-informed communities and systems

## WHAT IS THE DATA INITIATIVE?

In 2021, CPCM launched the State of South Dakota Children’s Well-being Data Initiative through support from the South Dakota Department of Education. The initial project spans from June 2021 to September 2023 and seeks to investigate data in South Dakota surrounding the health and wellness of children for the purpose of:

- Improving state- and local-level tracking and monitoring of children’s well-being data in South Dakota;
- Improving statewide access to timely and relevant data on the well-being of South Dakota children; and,
- Increasing state-level data-driven decision-making to promote the well-being of South Dakota children.

## PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

To prevent child abuse and neglect and help children reach their full potential, it is crucial to provide them with safe, stable, and nurturing relationships and environments.

This report uses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) *Connecting the Dots* framework to draw a roadmap for caring adults to align efforts and enhance the prevention of youth violence. *Connecting the Dots* does this by focusing on shared factors across multiple forms of violence that **protect** individuals against violence (protective factors) and decrease the **risk** of violence (risk factors).

This report compares South Dakota to the nation, and where the data is available, differences seen across counties in South Dakota on these shared risk and protective factors. This report contains over 100 indicators to measure shared risk and protective factors across all forms of violence.

“The different forms of violence — child abuse and neglect, youth violence, intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and elder abuse — are interconnected and often share the same root causes.”<sup>1</sup>

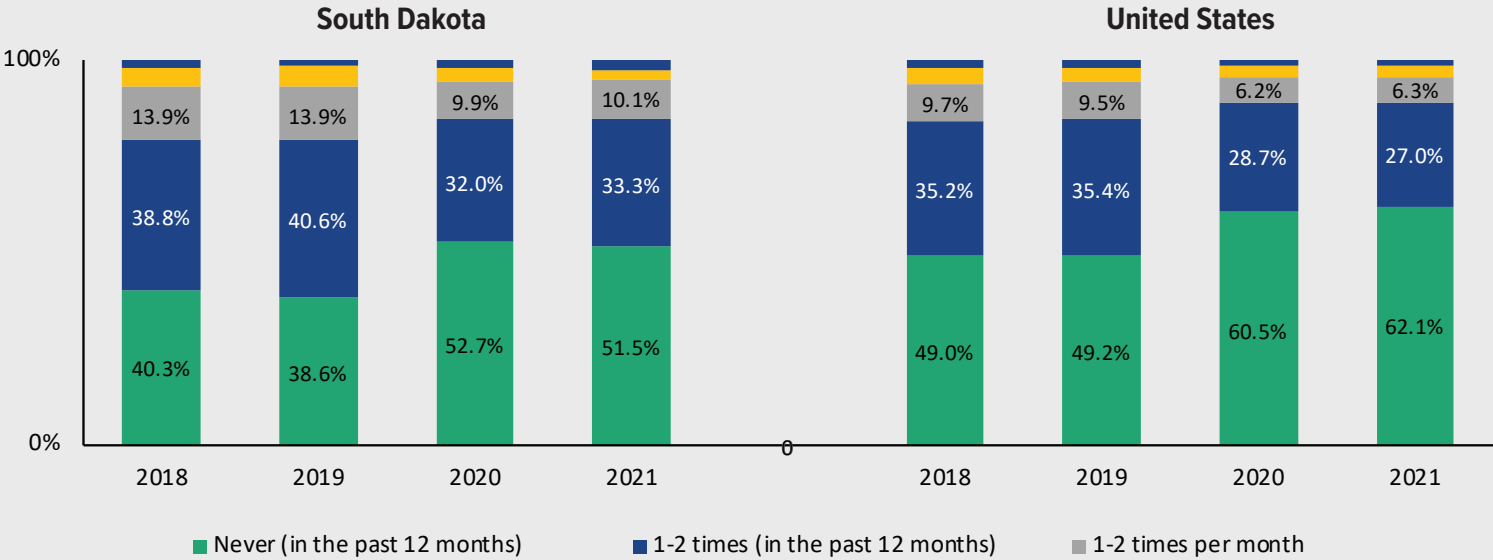
## HIGHLIGHTED DATA

Children who witness violence or live in homes or communities where violence is prevalent are at a **higher risk** for experiencing violence themselves or perpetrating violence against themselves or others. South Dakota youth are experiencing violence, witnessing violence, and perpetrating violence against themselves and others; however, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most victims of violence do not act violently. Below are highlighted shared **risk factors** and **protective factors** that influence the likelihood of becoming a victim or perpetrator of violence.

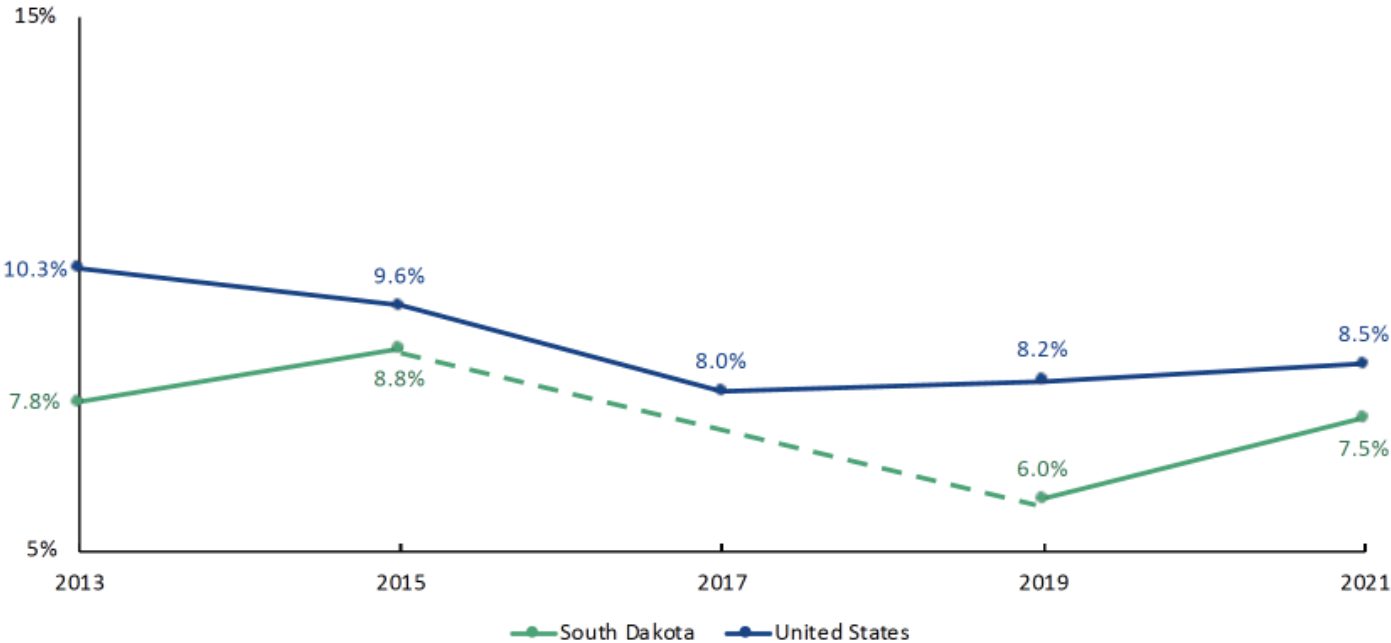


# HISTORY OF VIOLENT VICTIMIZATION

Compared to children nationally, a higher percentage of South Dakota children are being bullied, picked on, and excluded by other children<sup>2</sup>

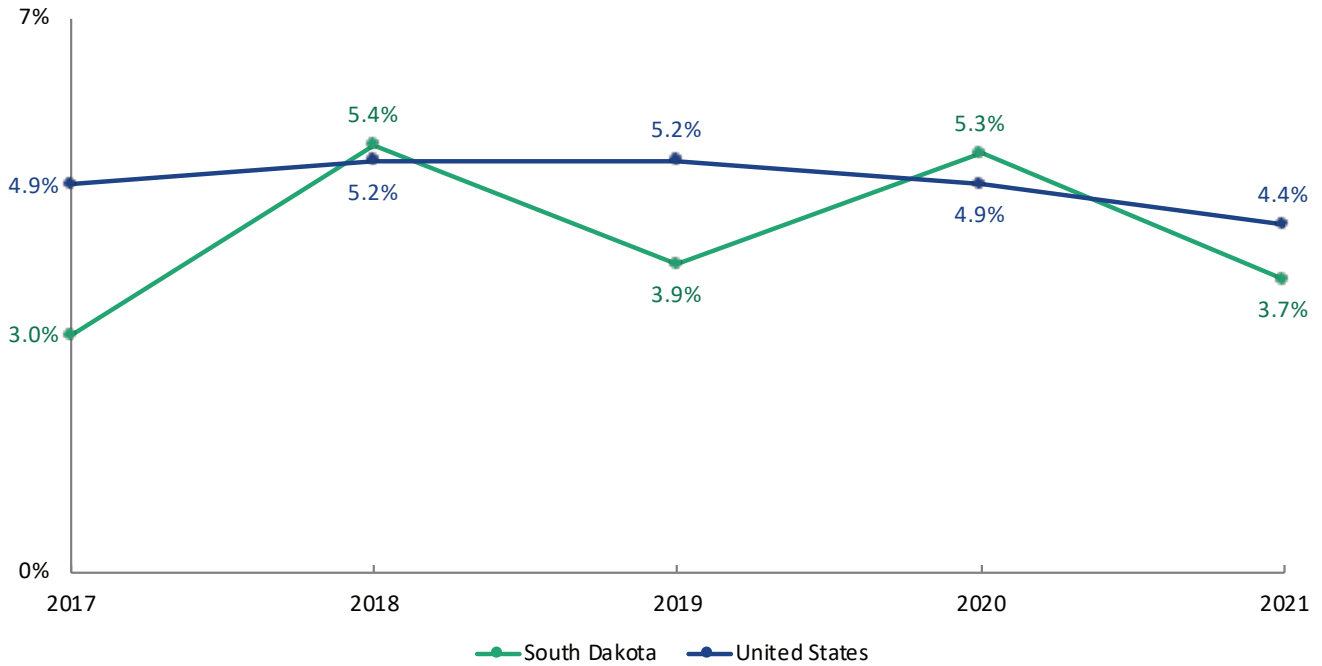


South Dakota high school students are experiencing dating violence at lower percentages than high school students nationally<sup>3,4</sup>



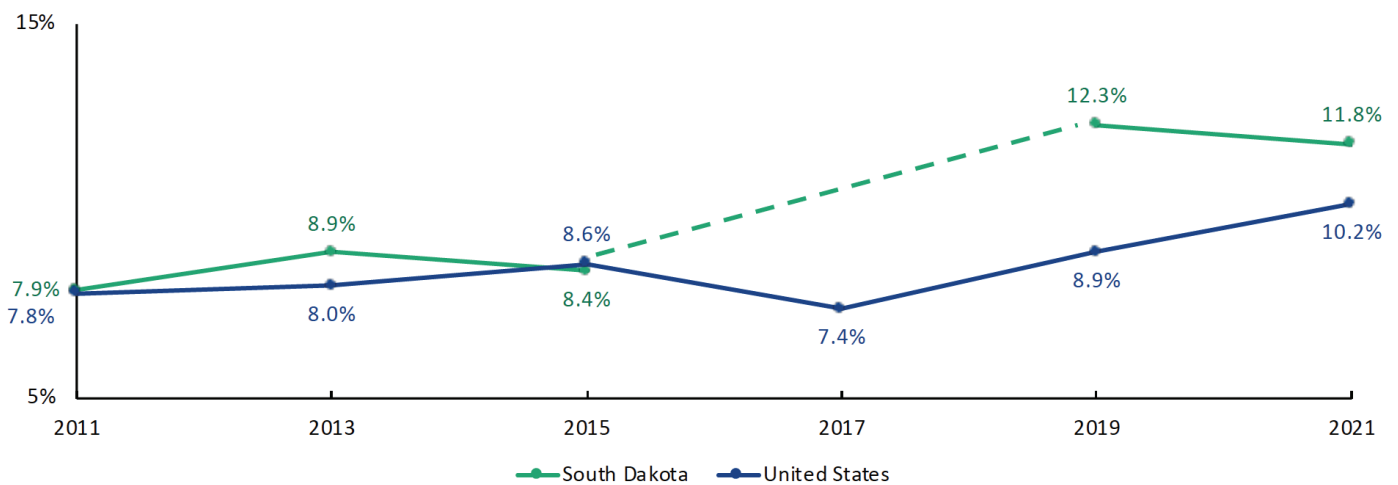
## VIOLENCE IN THE HOME

Nearly 5% of children in the U.S. and South Dakota are witnessing parental violence annually<sup>5</sup>



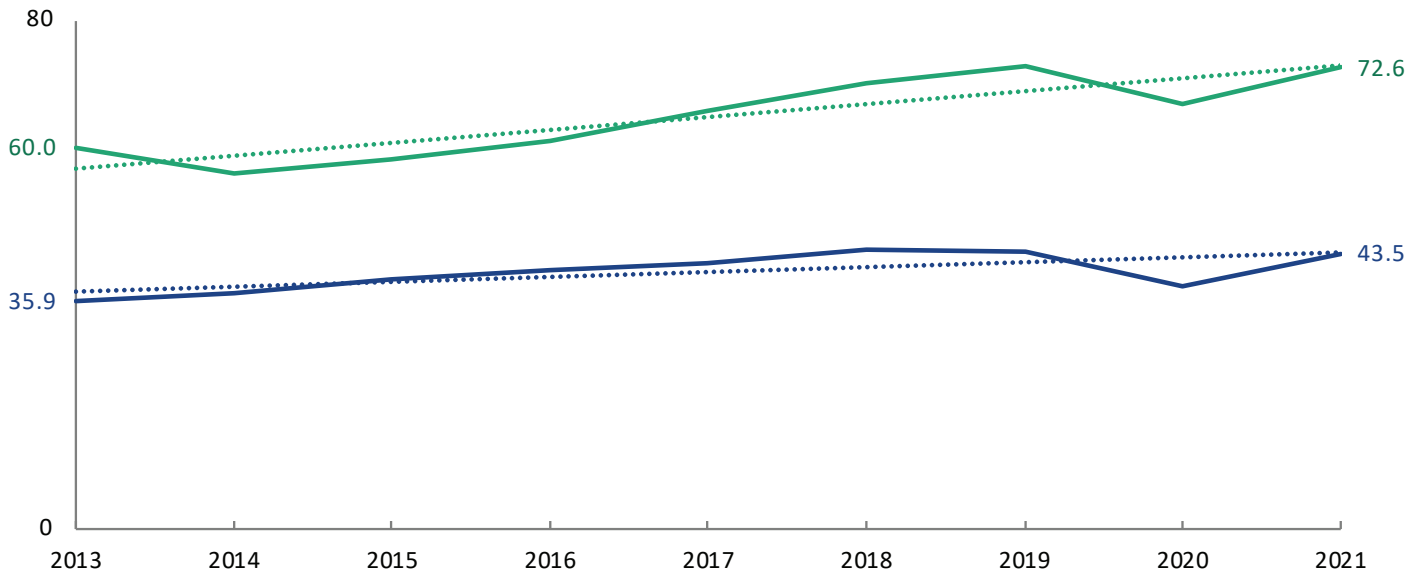
## PSYCHOLOGICAL/MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Compared to high school students nationally, a higher percentage of South Dakota students are attempting suicide<sup>6,7</sup>



# COMMUNITY VIOLENCE

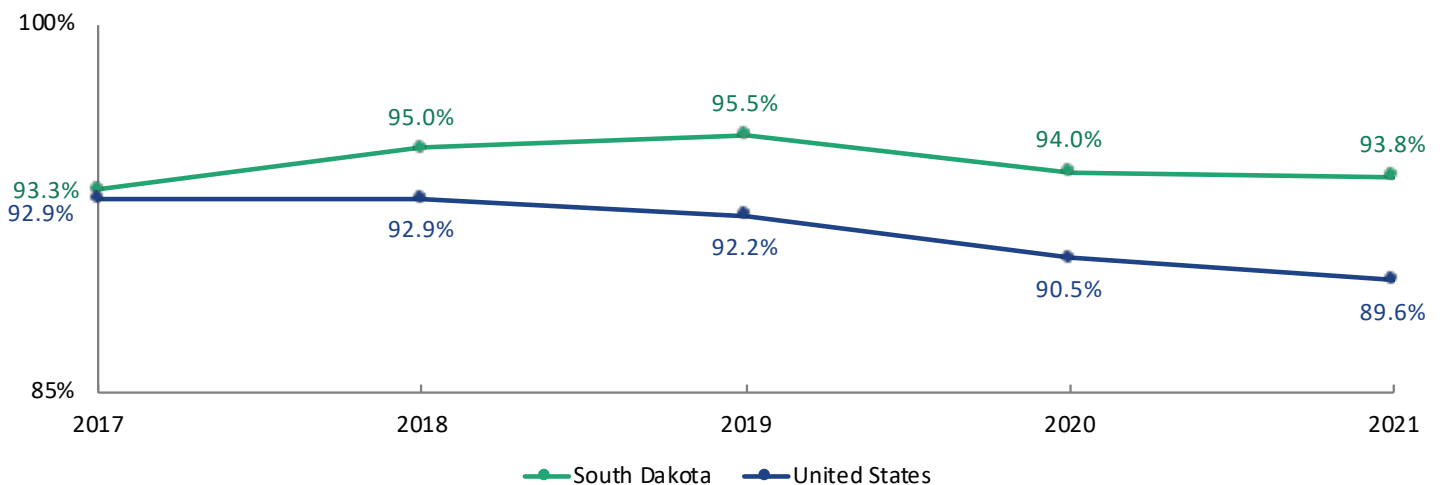
## Rape rates in South Dakota are considerably higher than the national rate<sup>8</sup>



*\*Annual rape offenses in South Dakota and the United States per 100,000 people (entire population) from 1985-2021. In 2013, the FBI started collecting rape data under a revised definition and removed "forcible" from the offense name. All reported rape incidents—whether collected under the revised definition or the legacy definition—are presented here. Due to the full transition to NIBRS and the lack of data for agencies that are not fully transitioned, the 2021 data year cannot be added to the 5-, 10- or 20-year trend presentations that are based in traditional methodologies used with summary data.*

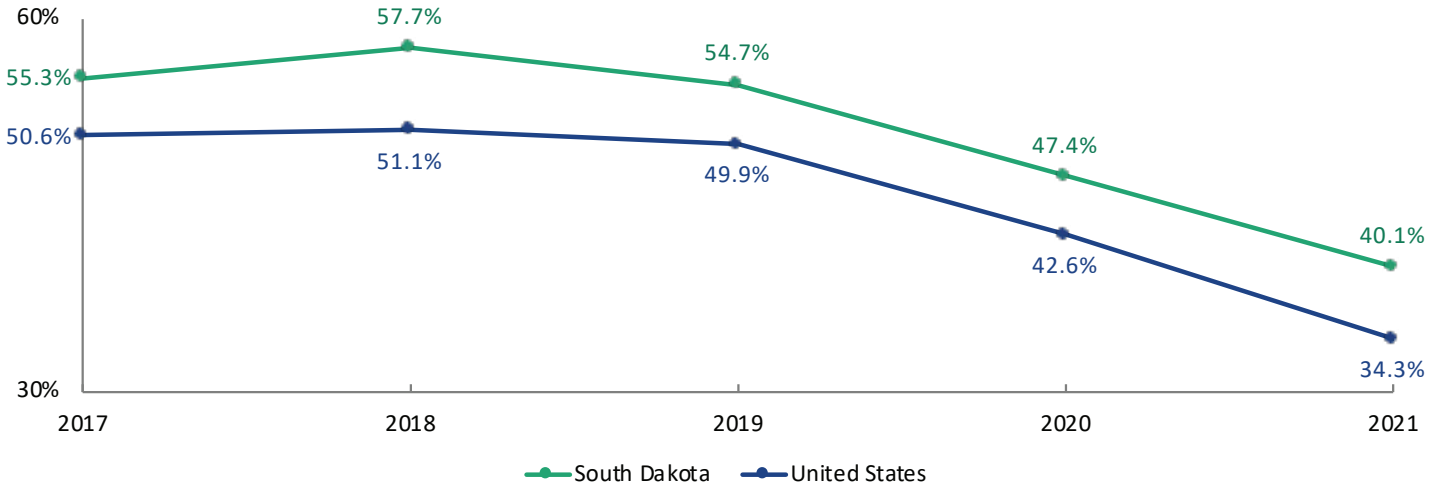
## CONNECTION TO A CARING ADULT

**Approximately 94% of South Dakota children had another adult (besides their parents) they could turn to for advice compared to 90% nationally<sup>9</sup>**



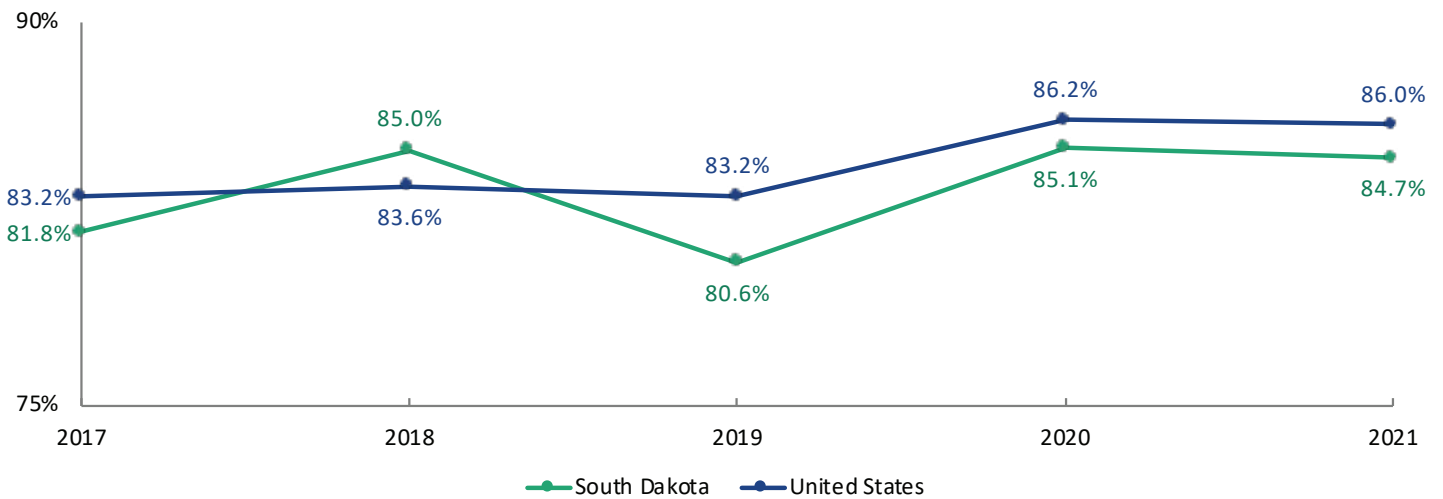
# ASSOCIATION WITH PROSOCIAL PEERS


Community service involvement is decreasing both nationally and in South Dakota<sup>10</sup>



# FAMILY SUPPORT/CONNECTEDNESS

More than 4 out of 5 children in the U.S. and South Dakota live with families who demonstrate resiliency during difficulty times<sup>11</sup>





In South Dakota, anyone can call 1-877-244-0864 to report child abuse and neglect. Intake Specialists with SD Department of Social Services will be available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If reporting before 8 a.m., after 5 p.m., on the weekends or during a holiday, please contact local law enforcement.

Always call 911 if a child is in immediate danger!

## CONNECTING THE DOTS: HOW TO WORK TOGETHER ON VIOLENCE PREVENTION EFFORTS

“It is important to consider individuals in the context of their home environments, neighborhoods, and larger communities when preventing violence.”<sup>12</sup> Caring adults who lead communities and institutions will need to work together between programs, disciplines, and community initiatives to align efforts across multiple forms of violence prevention. This report highlights where we are doing well in our state, and where we can make improvements.

To learn more about *Connecting the Dots* to prevent violence, visit <https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/connecting-the-dots/content/home>. To read full reports from the Data Initiative, visit <https://sdcpm.com/data>.

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