

RESILIENT COMMUNITIES BROOKINGS COUNTY



RESILIENT
COMMUNITY

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Brookings will be the FIRST SD Resilient Community in South Dakota!

STAY TUNED FOR TIMELINE ASSOCIATED WITH AWARD RECIPIENT PARTICIPATION

Social NET Works will be finalizing the CPCM SD Resilient Community: Brookings Report along with a timeline associated with the award.

Social Net Works is excited to move to the next Phase "Sustain" of SD Resilient Community: Brookings. This phase will shift to quarterly meetings versus monthly meetings. Quarterly meetings will be a time to:

1. Report what your environment is doing to increase resiliency of youth and families
2. Celebrate and highlight what is already happening in our community
3. Increase awareness of strategies and best practices that can help prevent adverse child experiences and trauma in our community
4. Network with others in order to increase and learn about community collaborative activities focused on prevention of childhood maltreatment.

Stay tuned for more details about how to take the "Brookings Resilient Community Motivator" Pledge which will launch in 2021. CPCM is building a website which will launch and will highlight how communities can become a SD Resilient Community while also identifying communities who have worked towards this. A component of the website will recognize Brookings and the entities that take the pledge.



BATA LEADING THE WAY IN BEING A RESILIENT COMMUNITY MOTIVATOR

CONTRIBUTED BY BRENDA SCHWEITZER

BATA identifies the benefit of building resilient communities.

An aspect they have worked hard on is the "Transportation Generosity Fund" for Day of Giving. BATA has expanded their collaboration, due to the increased need, with churches, schools and community advocates in order to support youth in accessing and getting to safe environments such as schools, afterschool programs, church, etc.

BATA also has worked closely with Dan Nelson, Brookings County State's Attorneys office on the Diversion Program volunteer hour criteria. BATA has hosted over 25 volunteers through the diversion program, which equals over 250 hours.

If you or your entity would like to donate to the "Transportation Generosity Fund" which helps pay for transportation supports for youth programming, food assistance programs, church programming and more, please contact BATA at 692-2222.

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BUILDING A SENSE OF BELONGING IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND SUPPORTING THEM IN BUILDING CAPABILITIES HELPS BUILD RESILIENCY AND PREVENT FUTURE CYCLES OF CHILDHOOD MALTREATMENT.”

BROOKINGS COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY OFFICE IMPLEMENTS DIVERSION PROGRAM BUILDING RESILIENT YOUTH

CONTRIBUTED BY DAN NELSON



The Brookings County State's Attorney's Office has implemented a diversion program aimed at underage alcohol consumption. As home to the largest university, Brookings had a tremendous need for a program that held offenders accountable but accomplished it through community reinvestment and set offenders on a path to success rather than failure. The program requires 10 hours of community service at a Brookings area non-profit and a behavior modification class at Brookings Behavioral Health and Wellness. If offenders voluntarily choose to accept the diversion alternative and successfully complete the two components, the charge is dismissed. Since it began in Spring of 2019, the program has generated over 2000 hours of community service in Brookings and achieved under a 5% recidivism for those that have successfully completed it.

As State's Attorney, Dan Nelson, has said, he's desiring to model a similar program for marijuana offenders and is excited about the future of alternative approaches to justice for non-violent, low risk offenders. The community reinvestment achieved through diversion programs benefits not only the offenders, but provides an opportunity for others in the community to see offenders learn from a mistake and become a productive member of society.

CASA ENSURING PARENTS HAVE DIAPERS

CONTRIBUTED BY TERRI MIELITZ

As a parent and former foster parent, Terri understands the financial burden that parents can experience associated with purchasing diapers. Collaborating with churches and other organizations in the community East Central CASA has supported helping meet this financial burden for Brookings County parents.

\$400/month help covers diaper needs for foster youth in the system.

If you are wanting to donate, or you are wanting to support parents in accessing this support for diapers, please contact Terri at eccasaterri@swiftel.net

CASA Drive items needed:

Soap, Lotion, Crayons-markers-pencils, Tablets, Color books, Small toys Stuffed animals, PJ's, Socks Underwear, Hair accessories, Masks, Blankets, Toothpaste, Toothbrush Shampoo, Deodorant, Combs , Brushes, Sweatshirts, Books

BROOKINGS BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, GREAT AFTERSCHOOL PLACE SEND STAFF TO TRAUMA-INFORMED CONFERENCE

The South Dakota Afterschool Network identifies that this year has brought crisis and uncertainty, in which Afterschool programs have stepped up to rise to the occasion as emergency personnel counted on them so they could do their jobs, parents counted on them so they could be at work and community youth have counted on them to have safe and developmental environments to be engaged in during the pandemic.

In November, The South Dakota Afterschool Network hosted a three day virtual conference that focused on Trauma Informed Care within afterschool programming. Both Brookings Boys and Girls Club and Great Afterschool Place had staff attend.

Staff attending were able to hear from KeyNote Speaker Dr. Anda, who was one of the two leading researchers from the CDC on the Adverse Childhood Experiences study that began in 1992 and is the largest study of its kind. This study identifies that one in two children experience at least one type of childhood maltreatment and one in four children experience two or more types of childhood maltreatment which can cause disruptions in healthy development of their neurobiology.

Staff also were able to attend breakouts that focused on evidence based strategies to support building resiliency for youth and staff in their afterschool environments.

Supporting Expecting and New Mother's Committee Needing Help in Needs Assessment Survey

BROOKINGS COUNTY
EXPECTING AND NEW
MOTHERS

*Help us by taking this
survey!*

We are wanting to learn how to build new programs and supports throughout Brookings County to support expecting and new moms. Please help us learn what is needed by taking the survey [HERE](#) or scanning the QR Code.



Multiple Brookings County entities are wanting to work collaboratively to help Expecting and New Mothers throughout Brookings County.

In order to look at supportive programming and services, the committee is needing your help in sharing the survey link/QR Code out to Brookings County.

The survey takes about 3 minutes to complete and is anonymous.

For more information, please feel free to contact Nikki Eining at Nikki.Eining@avera.org or 692-8092