Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





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CPCM MISSION:

The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's mission is to stop all maltreatment against South Dakota children in order to foster resilient families.

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Welcome from CPCM Board Chair Representative Tim Reed

On behalf of the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment (CPCM) Advisory Board, I welcome you to the 2021 Annual Report of progress toward the mission of stopping child maltreatment in South Dakota. The success of CPCM relies on our great partners and their participation in stopping child maltreatment. Thank you to all the organizations and agencies for your dedication and support.

CPCM had a year of success and growth. The first Resilient Community program was completed by Brookings. The Center was very successful in receiving grants to further the work to stop the maltreatment of children. The funding will allow CPCM to make positive changes in the lives of children by creating trauma-informed schools and workplaces that can help those suffering the effects of maltreatment and build resilience in our communities. The work proposed in the grants required more staff. We are excited to have Katie Schroeder, Tracy Thomes, and Tracey McMahon join the staff. Darla Biel was hired as an Assistant Director. I'm excited for the future of CPCM with this great team onboard.

The Center was active in the 2021 Legislative Session providing research, data, and helping draft bills that protect children. Delaney Jayne, a master's student working with CPCM wrote a paper that led to a new law that criminalized sex with underage persons by a person of authority like a teacher or coach. For the 2022 legislative session the Center is assisting with a bill that will allow courtroom modifications that will help and protect minors testifying against their abuser.



CPCM is leading the way to stop adverse childhood experiences and help families be resilient.

Thank you to the CPCM Director Carrie Sanderson and the staff for successful 2021 and I look forward to the success of 2022.

KNOW

Evidence-Based Best Practices

RESPOND

Early Intervention & Healing

PREVENT

Create
Trauma-Informed
Communities

Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment Staff



CPCM staff members front row from left: Assistant Director Darla Biel, Director Carrie Sanderson, and Program Coordinator Kristi Kranz.

Back row from left: Senior Accountant Brenda Canfield, Program Specialist Susan Smith, Data Manager Tracey McMahon, Program Coordinator Tracy Thomes and Program Assistant II Katie Schroeder. (Photo by Jeremy Waltner)

CPCM is housed within the School of Health Sciences at the University of South Dakota. USD provides operational, fiscal, and research support for many CPCM operations. CPCM promotes opportunities across all Board of Regent Universities and throughout South Dakota, and USD's generous support allows for project growth and initiative expansion. Thank you to USD!

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2021 year of growth for CPCM

With support from state and community partners, and the development of grant opportunities, CPCM was able to welcome four additional staff members in 2021.

Darla Biel will serve as the Assistant Director and HRSA ECCS Project Lead. Tracey McMahon will take the lead on data initiatives surrounding children and families in South Dakota. Tracy Thomes will support the advancement of the CAASt Training and Graduate Certificate programs. Katie Schroeder will provide administrative and programmatic support across all CPCM initiatives.

Together, the CPCM Team advances projects and initiatives statewide to create resilient communities and families.



To learn more about and become involved with CPCM, visit www.sdcpcm.com or email CPCM@usd.edu.

South Dakota Partners in Action

Thank you to all partners and supporters of CPCM!

We appreciate your commitment to working collaboratively to know about, resond to, and prevent child maltreatment and trauma. Together we are creating a healthier, safer South Dakota for children and families.

CPCM Partners and Supporters

Avera Health

Avera St. Mary's Central SD Child

Assessment Center

Avoid Opioid SD

Bethany Christian Services

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative

Brookings Co. Child Protection Team

Bureau of Indian Affairs

CAASt Trainers

Call to Freedom

Capital University Center

Catholic Family Services

Center for Rural Health Improvement

Child Advocacy Centers of SD

Children's Home Society

Child's Voice at Sanford Health

Coteau des Prairies Health Care System

Court Appointed Special Advocates

Child Welfare League of America

Dakota State University

Delta Dental of SD

Early Childhood Mental Health

Collaborative

Early Learners SD

East River Human Trafficking Task Force

East River Legal Services

Endeavor 52

ENOUGH Abuse Trainers

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Helpline Center

Hennepin Healthcare

International Assn. of Forensic Nurses

Lutheran Social Services

MassKids, Inc.

Maxwell Strategies, LLC

Monument Health

Mud Mile Communications

NASW SD Chapter

Our Home, Inc.

Pathable

Pinnacle Productions

Project AWARE

Rotary International

Sage Project Consultants

SANE Learning Collaborative members

Sanford Health

School Administrators of South Dakota

SD ACEs and Resiliency Presenters

SD Assn. of Healthcare Organizations

SD Assn. of School Psychologists

SD Board of Regents

SD CASA Commission

SD Community Foundation

SD Department of Education

SD Department of Health

SD Department of Social Services

SD Division of Criminal Investigation SD

SD Education Association

SD EMS for Children

SD Statewide Family Engagement Center

SD Kids Count

SD Multi-Housing Authority

SD Network Against Family Violence

and Sexual Assault

SD Parent Connection

SD Public Broadcasting

SD REACH Team

SD School of Mines and Technology

Sioux Falls Police Department

Siouxland Child Protection Council

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Social Justice Research Institute

Social Net Works, Brookings

SD State Bar Association

SD State's Attonevs Association

SD UJS Court Improvement Program

SD Unified Judicial System

South Dakota State University

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The Event Company

Trial Lawyers Assocation

University of Sioux Falls

University of South Dakota

USD Center for Disabilities

USD Knudsen School of Law

USD Masters of Social Work Program

USD Parry Center for Clinical Skills

and Simulation

USD Pediatrics Program

USD School of Health Sciences

USD School of Nursing

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Westgate Community Church

Wiconi Wawokiya, Inc.

Yankton United Way

Young Lawyers Board

Zero Abuse Project

HRSA ECCS Grant & Data Initiative

\$1.3 million grant will help South Dakota build better support for families and early childhood experiences

In August 2021, CPCM became one of 20 grantees from the U.S. Health Resources & Service Administration's (HRSA) new Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems: Health Integration Prenatal-to-Three (ECCS) Program. Statewide partners supported the proposal and will participate in the ECCS Collaborative's work.

The \$1.3M five-year ECCS grant offers South Dakota an opportunity to build and strengthen integrated maternal and early childhood systems to better support families and ensure the earliest experiences of South Dakota's children shape the their brain architecture building the foundation for success.

The goals for HRSA's ECCS program are to:

- Increase state-level infrastructure and capacity to develop and/or strengthen statewide maternal and early childhood systems of care;
- Increase coordination and alignment between maternal and child health (MCH) and statewide systems;



Health Resources & Services Administration

- Increase the capacity of health systems to deliver and effectively connect families to a continuum of services that promote early developmental health and family wellbeing, beginning prenatally;
- Identify and implement policy and financing strategies that support the funding and sustainability of multigenerational, preventive services and systems for the P–3 population; and
- Increase state-level capacity to advance equitable and improved access to services for underserved P–3 populations.

Data Initiative will help monitor benchmarks for children's wellbeing and improve data accessiblity

A grant from the South Dakota Department of Education made it possible for CPCM to launch the State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing Data Initiative (Data Initiative).



The project spans from August 2021 to September 2023 and investigates data surrounding the health and wellness of children for the purpose of:

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

The Data Initiative supports the development of a dashboard of available data sources for key indicators of children's wellbeing and annual reports. CPCM has partnered with ParaUX Design to create the dashboard, which is in the early phases of development. Benchmark Data Labs will assist in publishing an annual State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing Report. In preparation of this report, Benchmark Data Labs is assisting with the design and implementation of data collection tools and processes.

The first annual report is planned for a First Quarter 2022 release and will include an overview of databases tracking SD children's wellbeing indicators, the indicators being tracked, and a summary of our findings from our survey on data accessibility, gaps, and needs as well as our findings from a focus group with SD epidemiologists exploring common facilitators and barriers to accessing and sharing children's health data, data gaps, and issues regarding data sovereignty.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Trainings & Grant Renewal

April 2021 SANE Clinical Skills Training



Twelve nurse participants and six nurse trainers took part in the SANE Clinical Skills Lab April 29-30, 2021, at the Parry Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation at the USD School of Health Sciences in Sioux Falls.



Live models assisted in the SANE training forensic examinations.

2021 SANE Steering Committee

Keri Fisher
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High demand for clinical skills training

CPCM and partners provided clinical training for sexual assault medical forensic exams to 20 rural South Dakota nurses. The first Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Clinical Skills Lab was held on April 29-30, 2021, at the Parry Center within USD's School of Health Sciences in Sioux Falls. On November 8-9, 2021, CPCM partnered with Avera Health and Hennepin Healthcare for a multi-state Clinical Skills Lab by which our grant funding provided hotel and travel reimbursement to rural South Dakota nurses.

SANE Clinical Skills Labs offer hands-on practice to gain competence in speculum exams, genital anatomy, evidence collection, medical history taking, head-to- toe assessment, forensic photography, STI recommendations, discharge planning, legal considerations, and more. A 40-plus-hour SANE didactic course is a prerequisite to the clinical skills training.

SANE grant renewed

CPCM's Sexual Assualt Nurse Examiner (SANE) initiative received another three-year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women for the SANE Learning Collaborative Program.

The grant supports quarterly meetings, bi-annual Clinical Skills Labs, an online resource page, the SANE Steering Committee, multidisciplinary partnerships, and forensic nursing curriculum development within USD's Nursing program.

The new grant cycle will also support rural clinicians with acute Technical Assistance (TA) thanks to our partnership with Avera Health and Child's Voice as well as non-acute TA support through a contract with Avera Health and Sanford Health.

Child & Adult Advocacy Studies Graduate Certificate Program





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Multidisciplinary team members met in October for three days of focus group discussions on investigating child abuse and neglect cases.

Grant money used to support multidisciplinary focus group discussions

Through the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI), the USD School of Health Sciences with the support of CPCM, was awarded a grant to enhance the curriculum of the CAASt program with Midwest-based case studies. The involvement of real-world cases in the CAASt curriculum will promote active student engagement, analytical thinking, decision-making in complex situations, and the ability to cope with ambiguity.

The CAASt Team convened statewide, multidisciplinary (MDT) professionals to develop real-life cases that reflect the demographics, geography, and resources of the Midwest. More than 30 representatives from the following disciplines were involved:

- Law enforcement
- Child protection
- Prosecution
- Medical
- Mental health
- Education
- Victim services
- Advocacy

CAASt program graduates inaugural cohort

The University of South Dakota (USD) CAASt Graduate Certificate completed the inaugural year of implementation in 2021 with nine students graduating from the program. The CAASt Graduate Certificate is a 12-credit program that focuses on interdisciplinary, ethical, realistic, and culturally sensitive content that provides professionals working with vulnerable populations the foundation for responding to maltreatment. Students develop a multidisciplinary understanding of response and are better equipped to advocate for victims and survivors of maltreatment upon completion of the program.

NCWWI funding provides scholarships

Through NCWWI funding, the CAASt Team was able to provide 10 scholarships for the CAASt Graduate Certificate program to MDT professionals working in South Dakota. The scholarships will support the full tuition for these students throughout the 2022 school year. Student engagement and collaboration within the CAASt program will be positively impacted by the inclusion of diverse MDT membership.



Child & Adult Advocacy Studies K-12 Training Series

Department of Education funding shares trauma-informed resources with South Dakota schools

In response to the increased need for supportive strategies following the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Education funded several initiatives to support the implementation and expansion of the CAASt K-12 Training Series. The training was created to provide professionals with tools to advocate for children and adults in need, while learning how to work in interprofessional teams and overcome problems associated with rurality, funding, and lack of services.

The CAASt Team completed three 5-hour CAASt K-12 Trainings, reaching more than 250 education professionals.

The curriculum of these sessions incorporate components of mandatory reporting, suicide awareness and prevention, multidisciplinary approaches, and trauma-informed interventions to prepare professionals with effective strategies for responding to children in need.

Through DOE support, the CAASt K-12 Training will be offered to post-secondary education institutions for college students seeking teaching licensure. A vicarious trauma component will further supplement the training. The initial stages of these projects began in 2021, and will continue into 2022.

Court Improvement Program Lunch & Learn

Court Improvement Program webinar series begins

Through the generous support of the Unified Judicial System Court Improvement Program (CIP), CPCM organized and hosted monthly Court Improvement Program Lunch & Learns for judges, attorneys, and legal professionals across South Dakota. The trainings promote relevant information on the South Dakota child welfare system.



Eleven trainings occurred in 2021 including topics such as the process of reporting abuse, the role of court appointed special advocates, the multidisciplinary approach of a child advocacy center, the impacts of removal and conditions for return, family and cultural considerations in abuse and neglect cases, and connecting families with appropriate services and resources.

Partners support law fellows

Through the support of the Unified Judicial System Court Improvement Program, the South Dakota Department of Education, and the Office on Violence Against Women, CPCM added two law fellows from the University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law.



Rex Schlicht is a second-year law student from Woonsocket, South Dakota. Mia Hockel is a second-year law student from Windom, Minnesota.



Rex Schlicht



Mia Hockel

Brookings becomes first South Dakota Resilient Community



Brookings County Facilitating Team

Chad Adamson Darla Biel Nikki Eining Heidi Gullickson Michelle Vande Weerd

Codington County Facilitiating Team

Sara Foust Laura Hoiten Terri Melitz Kelli Rumpza Andrea Schultz Maria Turbak Jessi Whetsel



From left: Heidi Gullickson of Brookings United Way, Chad Adamson of the Brookings School District, Daniel Scholl of SDSU, Darla Biel of Brookings County Youth Mentoring, Nikki Eining of Avera Behavioral Health, Carrie Sanderson of the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment, CPCM Advisory Board Chair Representative Tim Reed, R-Brookings; Haifa Abou Samra, USD School of Health Sciences Dean, Brookings County State's Attorney Dan Nelson celebrate Brookings County becoming South Dakota's first Resilient Community.

For more on SD Resilient Communities go to www.ResilientSD.com

Resilient Communities' goal is to help communities better protect and support children and families

The goal of Resilient Communities: South Dakota is to build a strong foundation of ACES & Resiliency to create shared language to better collectively know about, prevent, and respond to child maltreatment and adversity at the local level. Supported by a Resilient Communities Navigator, volunteer crosssector facilitating teams:

- lead community conversations to increase awareness of the CDC's six strategies to prevent ACES;
- help community members identify local strengths and opportunities to

be trauma-informed and contribute to increased community resilience;

- explore available South Dakota trainings and resources to fill gaps;
- develop and implement a shared community action plan.

In 2021, Brookings County became the first SD Community to complete the Resilient Communities process, and Codington County formed a facilitating team that held initial meetings and organized a communitywide ACES & Resiliency training. Resilient Communities is a free, grassroots process and may come alongside other community capacity-building initiatives in South Dakota.

SD Resilient Communities

Brookings County: Sustain Codington County: Know Minnehaha County: Starting Process Charles Mix County: Starting Process

Multidisciplinary teams & prevention trainings







Agent Darin Sinner MDT Coordinator SD DCI

Multidisciplinary Team Coordinator Cam Corey, was promoted in 2021 to Assistant Director of the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation where he previously served as a special agent.

DCI Special Agent Darin Sinner was was hired as the SD MDT Coordinator following Corey's promotion.

Project AWARE supports trauma education

The Project AWARE grant from the South Dakota Department of Education helped to support trauma-informed training for K-12 schools offered by CPCM and Children's Home Society. The trainings include Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resiliency and Enough Abuse training. Additionally, toolkits including resources on Adverse Childhood Experiences, books on trauma-informed care and South Dakota's requirements on reporting abuse and neglect were sent to schools that participated in the training. Thank you to the South Dakota Department of Education for its continued support of trauma-informed care.



REACH Team Report

REACH is a regional multidisciplinary team developed to implement best practice response to investigate concerns of child maltreatment.

The REACH Team membership consists of law enforcement agents, medical providers, forensic interviewers, child protection, county prosecutors, social workers and family advocates. The REACH Team collaborates from the point of report until case resolution.

The team meets in person at a medical clinic in Watertown, SD and serves the 13 surrounding counties. The REACH team receives technical support from the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at the University of South Dakota.

In 2021, the Watertown REACH team provided services for 102 victims.

2021 REACH Team Data

Age of Children	Offenses evaluated *
0-3 years: 10	Sexual Abuse: 88
3-6 years: 14	Physical Abuse: 29
6-9 years: 24	Neglect: 2
9-12 years: 18	Drug Endangered: 3
12-15 years: 27	Witness to Violence: 0
15-18 years: 9	
18 plus years: 1	

*It is possible for one individual to be evaluated for multiple offenses; therefore, this number will not reconcile with the number of individuals seen in clinic.



21st Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference



Pictured here from left: Senator Deb Soholt, Judge Scott Myren, Representative Tim Reed, South Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice Steven Jensen, USD School of Health Sciences Dean Haifa Abou Samra and South Dakota Secretary of the Department of Social Services Laurie Gill. (Photos by Jeremy Waltner)

Soholt earns Distinguished Service Award

Each year, the CPCM Advisory Board recognizes a community partner or advocate working in the field who continues to go above and beyond the mission of creating safety for children in order to foster resilient families.

Senator Deb Soholt was CPCM's 2021 Outstanding Service Award Recipient. Senator Soholt served as the CPCM Advisory Board Chairwoman from 2017 to 2020.

Senator Soholt served in the South Dakota Legislature from 2014 to 2020, and first took action to help prevent child sexual abuse in South Dakota by listening to her constituents describe the struggles they had to find cohesive response to child maltreatment.

From 2014 to 2016, Senator Soholt led the Jolene's Law Task Force to identify how South Dakota could create a system to better know about, respond to, and prevent child maltreatment. Senator Soholt presented the state's strategic plan to Governor Dennis Daugaard in 2016 and advocated for state appropriation to create the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at the University of South Dakota.

Senator Soholt's continued dedication to making our state stronger, safer, and more resilient has led to where we are today – all of us working together for our children and families. Thank you, Senator Soholt, for your service to our great state.



CPCM & partners host 21st Annual CRCAC

The Community Response to Child Abuse Conference is held annually in Sioux Falls, SD, and continues to grow.

The 2021 conference, with 35 presenters and over 650 participants, provided the first hybrid experience and multiple participants took advantage of online learning. Event sponsors include the Unified Judicial System Court Improvement Committee, Child's Voice at Sanford Health, and CPCM. The support of community partners and sponsoring agencies allows the conference to thrive as a regional learning experience for students, professionals and community members.

Since 2018, the conference reached over 2000 attendees. Session recordings are available at the CPCM website at www.sdcpcm.com.



CPCM Advocacy

CPCM Advocacy Initiatives

The CPCM Advisory Board set advocacy initiatives for 2021 and supported multiple bills to keep children and families safe. CPCM published regular legislative updates during each legislative session, tracking bill progress for partners and community members.



CPCM Advisory Board member Sen. Helene Duhamel, R-Rapid City; and Advisory Board Chair Rep. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, attended Children's Day at the Capitol on Feb. 1, 2021.

Children's Day at the Capitol

The 2021 Children's Day at the Capitol was held virtually due to ongoing Covid-19 concerns. Child advocates took to the screens to show support for improving public policy for children and families. The event promoted legislation to help reduce child harm, sponsored a virtual vendor fair, lunch for the few public attendees, and a mandatory reporter training.

CPCM Intern Delaney Jayne testifies at Legislature

CPCM intern Delaney Jayne, a master of social work graduate from USD, testified in support of House Bill 1096 during the 2021 Legislature. The bill codified the crime of sexual contact with a child between ages 16 and 18 if the alleged offender is a person of authority. Jayne researched legislation in other states for Rep. Tim Reed, R-Brookings, who sponsored the bill.



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Pictured from left: CPCM Director Carrie Sanderson, CPCM Intern Delaney Jayne, (Master of Social Work student), Kelsey Phelps (senior dental hygiene student), Tasha Wendel (SDDHA president elect), Carissa Regnerus (SDDHA president), Mallory Hatzell (senior dental hygiene student) and Paige Hurlburt (senior dental hygiene student) supported the passage of House Bill 1132 while it was being debated in the legislature. HB 1132 added dental hygienists to a list of South Dakota professionals mostly in the medical profession who are mandated to report child abuse and neglect.

Building Resilient Communitieswith Resilient Youth

CPCM Advisory Board Member Nikki Eining, CPCM Assistant Director Darla Biel, and CPCM Director Carrie Sanderson co-presented at a Region 8 U.S. Health and Human Services webinar.

The training highlighted work to build protective factors for South Dakota youth, young adults, and families. Attendees from six states and multiple national and state



From left: Darla Biel and Nikki Eining, Resilient Communities agencies participated. More information about Resilient Communities: SD is available at ResilientSD.com.

CPCM by the Numbers

20

South Dakota nurses received Sexual Assualt Nurse Examiner (SANE) training.

18,000

More than 18,000 South
Dakotans are trained
in ACEs thanks to a
partnership with Children's
Home Society.

5

Student interns worked on a variety of projects for CPCM from research to social media to child advocacy.

24

Grants, contracts and awards were received by CPCM allowing an expansion of programming.

4

Trainings presented for dental professionals on mandatory reporting and preventing child abuse. Two are planned in 2022.

250

Education professionals trained in the CAASt K-12 Training modules that give resources for creating a trauma-informed school.



Thanks to a \$18,000 Avera Traditions of Caring grant, CPCM received 12 months of advertising on all KELOAND stations. This included appearances on KELOLAND Living and Inside KELOLAND.

28

Multidisciplinary focus group members and witnesses aided in developing SD specific case examples for further study.

10

CAASt Graduate Certificate Scholarships awarded for the cohort beginning in 2022.

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CIP Lunch to Learn trainings presented to members of the South Dakota legal profession and child advocates.

Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect in South Dakota

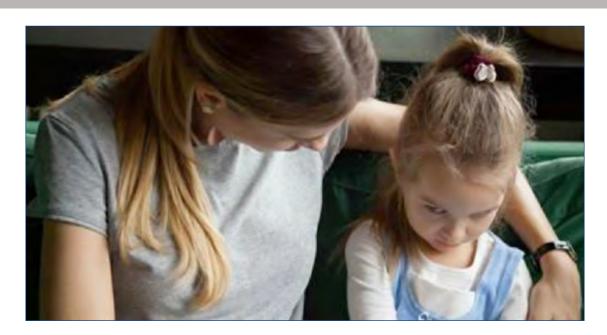
Dental hygienists added to mandatory reporter list

The South Dakota Legislature passed a bill in 2021 adding dental hygienists to a list of South Dakota professionals that are required by law to report instances of sexual abuse and neglect. Previously dentists were mandatory reporters.

Hygienists serve a similar role as that of a nurse. They spend a longer time with individuals and may have time to build up trust and notice inconsistencies with the patient's physical appearance and behavior. Following the addition of hygienists to mandatory reporting requirements, the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment worked

with Child Protection Services of the South Dakota Department of Social Services and Delta Dental to provide four mandatory reporter trainings specifically marketed and coordinated for dental hygienists.

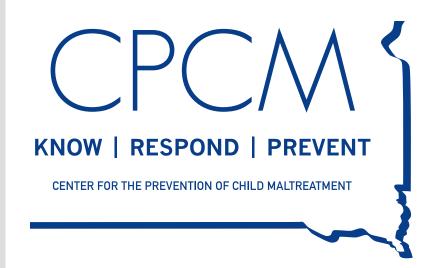




To report child abuse and neglect call:

1.877.244.0864

DSS Intake Specialists 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.



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