



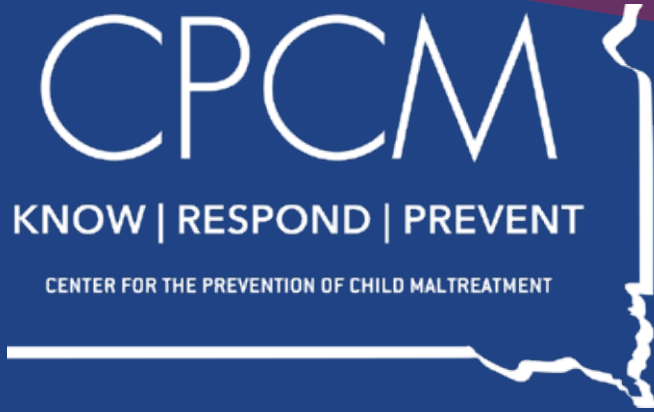
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Thank you supporters, partners, and trainers

500

South Dakota educators received CAASt training, building trauma-informed classrooms for our students.

291

Professionals participated in Court Improvement Program trainings, acquiring new tools and resources for handling childhood abuse and neglect cases.

550

South Dakotans attended the 22nd Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference, fostering multidisciplinary connections to benefit their communities and roles.

190

Nurses and medical providers provided training opportunities and technical assistance through the SANE learning collaborative, strengthening care for sexual assault victims.

5,080

Training attendants participated in 110 training and continuing education sessions sponsored by CPCM.

19,000

South Dakotans trained on adverse childhood experiences, creating awareness and encouraging stronger communities.

42,000

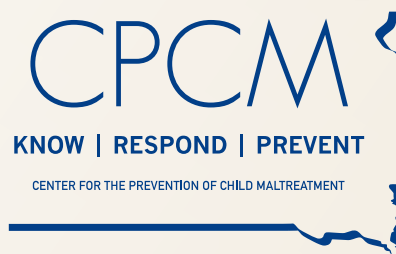
Unique page views on sdcpm.com to access information, tools, and resources in the effort to end child maltreatment in South Dakota.

OUR STORY

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

Child maltreatment prevention and response is a complex issue. Responsibility for prevention efforts and corresponding promotion of child wellbeing is shared across multiple agencies and programs in the child welfare system. CPCM brings unity to the work.

Established by the South Dakota Legislature in 2017, CPCM aims to align local, tribal, state and federal efforts to protect children. CPCM's work product revolves around the CDC Adverse Childhood Experiences prevention strategies. The activities performed by the CPCM partners advance better coordination of programs across systems to take full advantage of the use of available resources statewide.



CPCM is operated by a staff of ten and is housed within the School of Health Sciences at the University of South Dakota. The CPCM Advisory Board is made up of community leaders, policy makers, survivors, and advocates.

Message from Advisory Board Chair

When a child has become a victim of an unthinkable crime in our state, it becomes easy to question whether it will ever truly be possible to end child maltreatment.

With expanded and new initiatives from CPCM, I am confident that our state continues to strengthen efforts with the long-term goal in sight. A goal as ambitious as the end of child maltreatment is only possible when everyone takes an active role in advancing the effort.

CPCM continues to increase knowledge, foster multidisciplinary response, and provide prevention tools to professionals, supporters, and advocates across the state. Our work provides advanced training to legal, law enforcement, medical, education, mental health and other professional partners engaged in our work. We also continue to inspire our next generation of professionals to ensure our effort has a strong future. Finally, we remain committed to engaging communities in fostering resiliency in our state's children and families.



Among our activities this year:

- 25% average monthly increase in participation in the second year of the Court Improvement Program monthly training sessions.
- 144 nurses participated in quarterly and clinical skills lab training through the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Learning Collaborative.
- 2 law fellows developed an inaugural legal workshop for students and professionals focused on child welfare.
- 5 student interns gained professional experience in their support of CPCM programming.
- 130 South Dakotans participated in six early childhood conversations leading up to the development of the first Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems strategic plan.
- 27 Indigenous leaders and non-Indigenous but serving relatives joined the 200 South Dakotans in becoming Master Trainers on ACEs (adverse childhood experiences).
- First publication of State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing Data Initiative Report.

You also played a valuable role in our ongoing effort. Whether your work is in direct service to child victims, law enforcement or the judicial system, your work matters. If you are school personnel or a medical provider, you make a difference in the lives of children. If you serve as a lawmaker or advocate, you are key in our state's movement. As a parent or community member, you are an important piece of the puzzle that protects children of our state. It is all our responsibility to continue our work until we can say every child in our state is safe.

Representative Tim Reed
2022 Advisory Board Chair

OUR PEOPLE

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PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ADVOCATES

CAAST certificate program encourages a multidisciplinary approach to child maltreatment prevention and response

The Child and Adult Advocacy Studies (CAAST) Graduate Certificate at the University of South Dakota is a 12-credit program designed to promote multidisciplinary work in child welfare. Designed in conjunction with the national Zero Abuse Project, CAASt provides students realistic, ethical, and culturally sensitive tools to successfully advocate for children and adults in need. The students also learn best practices for working in interprofessional teams responding to child maltreatment.

A grant award from the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute enhanced curriculum and provided ten full scholarships for working professionals to attain the CAASt certificate in 2022. The scholarship awardees joined a cohort of 33 students, including attorneys, medical professionals, advocates and corrections staff.

"The CAASt program helped me to be able to better communicate, not only with my clients but with the courts, strengthening the advocacy I value so much in my practice,"

said Anthony Teesdale, Teesdale Law Office and one of 33 students admitted to the 2022 cohort of the Child and Advocacy Studies Certificate.

"The CAASt program has helped me to identify and recommend services my clients need in efforts to reduce their exposure to the criminal or juvenile justice systems."

Teesdale continued, "One of the chief concerns of any attorney is to help their clients become law abiding and limit potential future litigation they are exposed to. To that end, helping to reduce and eliminate maltreatment and ACEs, as well as substance use and mental health treatment, is the long-term solution to the problems

of drug and alcohol addiction and crime in our communities. CAASt has helped me identify and recommend services my clients need in efforts to reduce their exposure to the criminal or juvenile justice systems."



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Students gain knowledge through experiential learning

CPCM is committed to building the next generation of the child welfare workforce. CPCM offers internship opportunities for graduate and doctoral students. CPCM strives to provide students with a work experience that develops a skill set for their future career and builds

on their passion to prevent child maltreatment. In the past year, students have helped develop new trainings, researched best practices in juvenile justice and parent resources, supported programs, and drafted legislation for consideration of the SD legislature.

Students are vital in the work of the center. Thank you to our 2022 student interns and law fellows!

Mia Hockel, Law Fellow
University of South Dakota, Knudson School of Law

Rex Schlicht, Law Fellow
University of South Dakota, Knudson School of Law

Megan Goetz, University of Oklahoma, RISE-Up Intern,
Supported in SD by Center for Disabilities

Marian Kyei, Preceptorship
South Dakota State University, Master of Public Health

Prabin Nepal, Data Initiative Student Assistant
University of South Dakota, Master of Science in Computer Science

Kaitlyn Oster, Intern
University of South Dakota, Master of Social Work

Alexis Van Voorhis, Intern
University of South Dakota, Master of Social Work

Inaugural workshop educates legal students and professionals on abuse and neglect case best practices



More than 75 legal professionals, students, and community advocates participated in the first Child Welfare Legal Workshop held at the University of South Dakota in April of 2022.

The workshop brought together experts from the field to provide insight into civil abuse and neglect cases.

The event was made possible through a collaboration between the SD Unified Judicial System Court Improvement Program, the USD Knudson School of Law, and CPCM.

The workshop was designed to prepare law students, practicing attorneys, and court advocates on methods of working with children in abuse and neglect cases. Presenters highlighted the difference between civil and criminal cases and emphasized the goal of providing support for families and, when possible, safely reuniting children with their parents.

Neil Fulton, Dean of the USD Knudson School of Law, encouraged student participants to pursue a career in child protection: "If we're talking about the welfare of South Dakota's children, there can't be a greater investment in our futures and our communities than investing in our children."

Other program presenters included Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice of the SD Supreme Court; Scott P. Myren, Justice of the SD Supreme Court; Sondra Hoglund Hanson, Second Circuit Judge; Carrie Mees, Minnehaha County Deputy State's Attorney; Nicole Laughlin of Laughlin Law; Pam Bennett, Division Director of Child Protection Services, SD Department of Social Services; Amanda Liebl, Forensic Interviewer with Child's Voice at Sanford Health.

The training was planned in part by CPCM law fellows, Mia Hockel and Rex Schlicht.



Left to right: Justice Scott P. Myren, Dean Neil Fulton, Rex Schlicht, Mia Hockel, and Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES BUILD KNOWLEDGE AND COLLABORATION

Educators increase trauma-informed responses



Pictured: Tripp-Delmont School District staff participate in the Brain Architecture activity during their CAASt training.

A training series developed to guide educators in supporting students in the aftermath of COVID-19 has become an essential tool in identifying and responding to trauma and adversity in students. The Child & Adult Advocacy Studies (CAASt) K-12 Training program, with funding support from South Dakota Department of Education (DOE), offers South Dakota schools and educators a free training resource that promotes mandatory reporting best practices, youth suicide awareness and prevention strategies, multidisciplinary approaches, and trauma-informed interventions.

Eight CAASt trainings were held since December 2021, reaching educators, administrators, counselors, and other school personnel. Two virtual trainings allowed for broad state-wide audience participation. In-person trainings were held at Whittier Middle School in Sioux Falls, Crow Creek Tribal Schools, Tripp-Delmont School District, South Central Development Head Start, Harrisburg School District, and Dakota State University. These trainings reached more than 500 education professionals.

CPCM partners developed a second, complementary training to support educators experiencing vicarious trauma. Vicarious trauma is a form of stress or work-related trauma that occurs after exposure to another person's trauma; teachers may experience vicarious trauma by taking on the stress, experiences or even trauma of their students.

Thanks to support from Department of Education, the CAASt Vicarious Trauma Training for Educators is being delivered for free to schools across South Dakota. CPCM has partnered with Children's Home Society for the implementation of this training. Since September 2022, three trainings have been conducted at Elk Point Jefferson School District, Little Wound School, and Douglas Middle School reaching more than 250 professionals.

"Educators are our first line of defense for healthy and safe responses to children," said Tifanie Petro, Advocacy and Prevention Program Director for Children's Home Society of South Dakota. "With nearly 50% of all child abuse disclosures coming from educational settings, educators play a valuable role in the response to children who experience trauma and other hard experiences. The Vicarious Trauma Training for Educators helps provide insight on how the experiences of others impact us. When we know what to look for, we can reduce burnout, compassion fatigue, or vicarious trauma in our school settings."

Thank you to our CAASt trainers who participated throughout the year:

- Kelly Bass, PhD, Department of Social Work Chair, University of South Dakota
- Shana Cerny, OTD, Department of Occupational Therapy, University of South Dakota
- Kari Oyen, PhD, LP, NCSP, School of Psychology Program Director, University of South Dakota
- Dawn Johnson, MSW, Director of Leadership and Culture, South Dakota Afterschool Network
- Carrie Sanderson, Director, Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment
- Tifanie Petro, Advocacy and Prevention Program Director Children's Home Society of South Dakota
- Cassie Nagel, Education & Public Awareness Specialist Children's Home Society of South Dakota



Legal professionals increase knowledge of child maltreatment cases

With support through the Unified Judicial System Court Improvement Program (CIP), year two of the CIP Lunch & Learns averaged a 25% increase in participation in the monthly online trainings.

Topics included implicit bias, the role of a parent and child attorney in abuse and neglect cases, and a multidisciplinary team overview. The trainings were attended by 291 people from more than 100 different employers and organizations in 2022. On average, 56% of post-training survey respondents noted they were likely or very likely to modify their current practices based on what they learned.

"Through collaborative efforts, the Court Improvement Program can provide ongoing, meaningful, and advancing educational opportunities to not just court and legal personnel, but to all child welfare system professionals and advocates," said Sara Kelly, CIP Coordinator, SD Unified Judicial System. "A strategic goal of the ongoing educational

opportunities is a high-quality legal representation of children and families and an increase in timeliness to permanency, this collaborative effort helps meet that goal."

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Thank you to our presenters: Taneeza Islam, SD Voices for Peace; Sara Sheppick, SD DSS' Division of Child Protection Services; Lori Schaeffer, Foster Parent; Roxie Erickson, Pennington County State's Attorney's Office; Wendy Kloppner, Lake County State's Attorney's Office; Nicole Laughlin, Laughlin Law; Carrie Sanderson, Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment; Dawn Johnson, SD DSS' Division of Child Protection Services;

Winter Hendrickson, Foster Parent; Brittany Novotny, Child Advocacy Centers of SD, Angela Lisburg, Avera St. Mary's Central SD Child Assessment Center; Tifanie Petro, Children's Home Society of SD; Amanda Liebl, Child's Voice-Sanford Health; Sheldon Spotted Elk, Casey Family Programs; and Jack Trope, Casey Family Programs.

Indigenous community leaders advance knowledge on adverse childhood experiences

More than 19,000 South Dakotans have learned about the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and building resiliency in children. In 2022 with support from SD Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health, the second SD ACEs Indigenous Master Trainer Cohort was held, with 27 Indigenous and non-Indigenous-but-serving Indigenous relatives. This cohort joins nearly 250 South Dakotans trained as Master Trainers of ACEs.

Prior to establishing the SD ACEs Indigenous Master Trainer Cohort, a SD ACEs Tribal Advisory Board was formed, with 13 Indigenous leaders from across the state. The Tribal Advisory Board conducted an in-depth assessment of the ACE Interface, identifying ways to ground the curriculum in Lakota and Dakota ways of knowing and being and giving guidance on how to share information about ACEs in Tribal communities.

We recognize and honor the ways Tribal communities have been engaged in raising community awareness about ACEs and building strategies to address and prevent ACEs prior to these trainings. We also recognize and honor the ways resilience and healing are nurtured through Lakota and Dakota ways of life, ways that have existed for centuries. The ACE Interface curriculum simply applies the science to what our Indigenous ancestors have known.

"To help bring awareness about ACE's at Wac'ang'a Inc. we are going to incorporate the ACE test into the intake process," said training participant Crystal Owen, Community Outreach Advocate. "This process will help us to create a much more efficient road to recovery and healing for the relatives that we are helping."

Thank you to the Tribal ACEs Advisory Group: Arlana Bettelyoun, Yakuzan "Annie" Loyd, Cecelia Fire Thunder, Kathy LaPlante, Bridget Williams, Melissa Huff, Shainna Cook, Edwina Brown Bull, Tatewin Means, Sadie In the Woods, Teresa Nieto, Damon Leader Charge, and Rick Two Dogs.



Cross-sector training strengthens confidence on the stand



A first of its kind, cross-sector training was offered through a partnership of CPCM, SD Network Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault, and USD Knudson School of Law. Seventy South Dakota attorneys, sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs), and legal and nursing students participated in a 4-week training: Understanding the Role of SANE Courtroom Testimony.

Through the course of three virtual sessions and one in-person courtroom simulation, participants received an overview of the criminal justice system of SD and SD sexual assault laws; prepared for trial and expert qualification; learned the elements of direct and cross examination; and participated in a mock trial experience.

"This training helped me feel more competent and confident for when I will have to testify in court," said Leslie Wilson, a CNP with Avera McKennan Hospital. "The trainers provided great information to understand the process and the mock court helped me prepare to get on the stand myself, as well as, learning from others and understanding what everyone's role is."

The training was one of four quarterly supplemental trainings offered to South Dakota SANES. In addition to the supplemental trainings, 27 nurses participated in two clinical skills lab offerings. The SANE Learning Collaborative has had a 10% growth in members receiving access to training offerings and technical assistance.

Trainers included: Lara R. Roetzel, Interim State's Attorney at Pennington County; Jennifer Canton, SANE Supervisor, Avera Health; Michael R. Moore, State's Attorney at Beadle County; and Crystal Johnson, Deputy State's Attorney at Minnehaha County.



Prevention programming for Native youth expands

The My Journey program is a prevention curriculum for Native youth that is grounded in Dakota and Lakota values as well as the teachings of the Medicine Wheel. The curriculum helps equip students with the information, skills and confidence to make healthy, balanced decisions while also helping them build a positive cultural identity.

CPCM has partnered with the SD Department of Health and the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Youth Lodge to expand the program, which was originally designed to prevent teen pregnancy, to include an additional focus on preventing sexual and intimate partner violence among youth. CPCM is also partnering with SD Department of Health and Lutheran Social Services to offer facilitator trainings to educators, health professionals, and others interested in implementing the program.

To learn more about how the program was developed and the evidence to support it, please visit www.mdpi.com.



Hundreds of South Dakotans trained on child abuse prevention



The 22nd Annual Community Response to Child Abuse Conference brought over 550 professionals together in October 2022 to learn about the wellbeing of children and families.

A main conference theme addressed mental health concerns for children and efforts to build resiliency for those families. "When I think about our children and youth today, one of the concerns that has come up over and over recently, is that of the significant increase of mental health issues in our children," said South Dakota Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen. The 36 presenters at the conference provided practical knowledge in how to address all forms of harm children face. Presentations include:

- Intergenerational Trauma and the Need for Outreach Parent Supports, presented by Nikki Eining (CPCM Advisory Board Member) and Curstie Konold
- Child Pornography and the Impact of Child Sexual Exploitation on Child Victims, presented by Toby Russel (CPCM Advisory Board Member) and Clint Sperle
- Understanding and Responding to Problematic Sexualized Behaviors, presented by Tifanie Petro (CPCM Advisory Board Member) and Cassie Nagel
- Otakuye Awanyanka – Tribal Foster Parent Recruitment Efforts, presented by Crow Creek Sioux Tribe panel moderated by Teresa Nieto (CPCM Advisory Board Member)

Keynote presenter Chadwick Sapenter shared his story of overcoming a childhood filled with adversity. Sapenter encouraged providers, relaying their work can be the spark of survival for children: "One old man who had the audacity to come into [my] place that was total darkness and complete hopelessness and said, 'Hey, let me give you a little bit of a spark. Not because I have to, but because you need it.'"

The conference is sponsored by CPCM, the South Dakota Unified Judicial System, and Child's Voice at Sanford Health.



Innovative training solution expands conference reach

An innovative training solution was launched in 2022 to bring the Community Response to Child Abuse Conference content to a virtual audience. A dedicated on-demand conference portal offers conference attendees and portal registrants with ongoing access to 19 recorded conference sessions and certain continuing education credits.

The launch of the on-demand portal has extended the reach of the conference materials. Over 750 individuals have registered for access to the site. Learners have completed 650+ hours of course content in the last quarter of 2022.

"As training deployment continues to evolve, the on-demand portal is an opportunity to gain knowledge on a schedule and in a location that works best for the learner," said Kristi Kranz, CPCM Training Manager. "The conference planning committee recognized both the value of the in-person experience to develop multidisciplinary relationships and the flexibility of online learning."

The conference portal and all learning sessions are available at SDCPCM.com. Continuing education credits will remain available through the site throughout 2023.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

Community members work together to support families

Resilient Communities: South Dakota is a CPCM initiative to provide a technical framework to help communities prepare, know, prevent, respond to and sustain multi-sector efforts addressing childhood maltreatment and its impacts across the lifespan. Brookings County and Codington County have implemented the Resilient Communities framework and both communities continue building their ability to prevent adverse childhood experiences.

Codington County members participated in multiple workshops, including Understanding ACEs: Brain Architecture & Help that Helps, which was attended by more than 40 people. Brookings County's facilitating team sponsored a film screening of *Resilience* and a panel discussion about local youth data and resources.

"Our community remains dedicated to protecting the capabilities of all of our community members and building opportunities for connection, relationships, belonging and healing," stated Nikki Eining, Brookings facilitating team member and CPCM Advisory Board Member.

"We are continuously looking for ways to increase awareness of the prevalence of child maltreatment, its impacts and further share the message that all of us have

skills and resources to support youth and families in building resiliency through adversity," Eining continued. "This may look like volunteering time to drive a bus, support financial literacy, hosting a book club or donating to youth and family servicing organizations. The possibilities of aiding in building resiliency are endless and this year's film screening was just one example of how we will continue to share this message."

CPCM plans to expand the Resilient Communities initiative across the state. The South Dakota Community Foundation awarded CPCM a *Beyond Idea Grant* to continue helping communities

leverage existing strengths to promote positive childhood experiences and prevent ACEs. The initiative provides a guidebook, tools, and resources to support the community-led work. CPCM encourages all cities and counties to explore building their own Resilient Community



Creating a better future in partnership with lawmakers

CPCM advocates for the needs of children by contributing to policy discussions on child maltreatment prevention and response efforts. CPCM and partners spearheaded the 2022 Children's Day at the Capitol. Over 14 vendors displayed information in the Capitol Rotunda, educating legislators and the public on how efforts unite for collective action. The SD Department of Social Services provided the keynote address with a theme of Families First.

CPCM provided research, data, and testimony for the passage of several bills during the 2022 Legislative Session and for Legislative Workgroups occurring throughout the summer. CPCM Director Carrie Sanderson registered as a public employee lobbyist and participated in legislative activities on ACEs and promotion of healthy families. Director Sanderson testified over a dozen times in front of the legislature. CPCM staff facilitated a Mandatory Reporter Workgroup to organize and plan future legislation surrounding reporting efforts in SD.

CPCM also served in a training role and as a conduit for professionals to advocate for child welfare needs in SD. Tifanie Petro, a CPCM Advisory Board member and a graduate of the CAASt Certificate program, researched and drafted a bill to enhance courtroom modifications for child witnesses as part of her CAASt practicum project. CPCM Advisory Board Chair, Rep. Tim Reed, sponsored the bill and invited Petro to testify on behalf of the bill. Portions of the bill were passed and codified into law.



Advancing a strong start for children through increased coordination



HRSA's ECCS grant program aims to build integrated maternal and early childhood systems of care that are equitable, sustainable, comprehensive, and inclusive of the health system as a key partner. The initial steps of the 5-year cooperative agreement of the South Dakota Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative took place in the last year.

CPCM's stewardship of SD ECCS is working towards ensuring a strong start for children prenatal to age three, increasing coordination between health and other statewide systems to advance a common vision for early childhood development, increasing health system capacity to connect early childhood families to a continuum of services, and identifying policy and financing strategies that support sustainability of services to ensure a strong start for all SD children.

CPCM is one of 20 state-level awardees of the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) grant.

"What makes this specific effort distinctive is our inclusion of families in our process of reviewing challenges and opportunities," said Darbi Hunt, SD Statewide Family Engagement Center and SD ECCS family leadership lead. "Nobody knows better than SD families what systems and services are working and what areas we need to address; the insight we've received from our family leadership group has proven to be invaluable."

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The 17 members of the Family Leadership Group worked in tangent with the SD ECCS Advisory Council to complete a comprehensive systems asset and gap analysis that included a statewide early childhood survey, focus groups, and a series of six recorded panel discussions addressing the issues that impact young children in South Dakota. The panel discussions were attended by more than 130 individuals.

Planning for ECCS occurred in October of 2022. The initial meeting brought together over 75 professionals from around the state to discuss the needs of families and children. The Family Leadership Group attended the meeting and reported directly to stakeholders on ways systems could improve access and use of services. SD ECCS Advisory Council, Family Leadership Group, and early childhood stakeholders will use the information gathered to develop a statewide comprehensive early childhood strategic plan.



ECCS Family Advisory Group members present during the strategic planning session.

Inaugural State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing report published

CPCM proudly supports efforts to unite data across agencies and organizations in South Dakota. In 2021, the SD Department of Education funded a 2.5 year CPCM project dedicated to understanding child wellbeing data in our state: The State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing Data Initiative. The project is designed to increase availability and use of data, with the following mission:

- Improve state-and local-level tracking and monitoring of children's wellbeing data in SD;
- Improve statewide access to timely and relevant data on the wellbeing of SD children;
- Increase state-level, data-driven decision making to promote the wellbeing of SD children.

The inaugural State of South Dakota Children's Wellbeing Data Initiative Report was published in summer 2022. The report includes findings on data accessibility, gaps and needs; SD epidemiologist focus group findings; an overview of databases tracing SD children's wellbeing indicators; and an overview of the types of indicators being tracked. The report has been viewed more than 400 times since publication on the CPCM website.

In 2022, the CPCM Data initiative focused on the identification of common indicators amongst administratively available data which correspond with risk and protective factors to help prevent ACEs. The identification of the data indicators across sectors will allow agencies to tell an overall picture of health for South Dakota children using information from multiple agencies which - to date - do not combine data sets. CPCM collaborators will advocate for inclusion of the common indicators for evaluation in as many state and local programs as possible. Using similar data indicators and parameters around data collection will unify information coming from programs and will help determine programmatic needs to prevent violence. To learn more about the CPCM Data Initiative, visit SDCPCM.com.



Wieseler recognized with Outstanding Service Award



During the Community Response to Child Abuse Conference, Virgena Wieseler was presented with the Outstanding Service Award, in recognition of her years of service within Department of Social Services, Division of Child Protection Services.

Wieseler began her work with the Division of Child Protection

Services as a Social Worker in 1981 and was soon promoted to Social Worker Supervisor and District Program Supervisor. In August of 1989, Virgena became the Deputy Division Director for Child Protection Services before accepting the Division Director Position in November of 1999, a position she held for almost 18 years. Virgena completed her career by serving as the Chief of Family Services for the SD Department of Social Services.

Virgena dedicated her entire career to helping children in our great state find safety, support and services. Virgena was instrumental in aligning the state priorities with advancing sciences in child welfare. She assisted in developing the strategic plan for Jolene's Law Task Force and was a founding member of the Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment. Virgena advocated for the needs of children before the SD Legislature and was a constant voice of security and reason for advancing the needs of multidisciplinary teams.



Reporting Child Maltreatment

Anyone in South Dakota can report suspected abuse and neglect

CALL 1-877-244-0864

DSS Intake Specialists will be available from **8 am to 5 pm Monday, through Friday**. If reporting before 8 am, after 5 pm, on the weekends or during a holiday, please contact local law enforcement.

Always call 911 if a child is in immediate danger!

Child maltreatment is preventable. A key component in prevention is reporting concerns of abuse. Community advocates and child welfare system professionals can help! We can all support families in need.

*Reporting Abuse in South Dakota
guidebook available at*

SDCCPM.com/program/mandatory-reporters

#anyonecanadvocate

Child abuse prevention efforts unite supporters



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each year, CPCM organizes social media and community-based outreach to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Blue Ambassadors provided social media posts each day to increase awareness about ACEs and prevention. In partnership with Children's Home Society, ACE trainings were held in person throughout the state. New in 2022, CPCM hosted the first annual Child Abuse Prevention breakfast in Sioux Falls, SD. Over 100 community members joined together to celebrate community response efforts and learn about ACE prevention. Donations from the breakfast helped support community initiatives statewide. The keynote speaker was CPCM Advisory Board member, Nikki Eining.

CPCM also participated in Unite for USD Day in February 2022. The USD Foundation facilitated the day of giving. Thirty-five donors supported CPCM, raising nearly \$3,000. Supporter Heidi Gullickson, Executive Director of Brookings Area United Way shared, "I chose to support the work of CPCM on the USD Day of Giving because as a facilitating team member of Resilient Communities Brookings, I've seen firsthand how their guidance and collaboration can unite a community to better the lives of children."

Donations to CPCM are accepted throughout the year. All donations run through the USD Foundation and are considered a tax-deductible gift. To offer financial support to CPCM, please visit the CPCM website or contact CPCM staff at cpcm@usd.edu. Thank you for your generosity!

Join the effort to end child maltreatment in South Dakota

It is all our responsibility to continue our work until we can say every child in our state is safe. Join us to advance the protection of children and foster resiliency in South Dakota families:

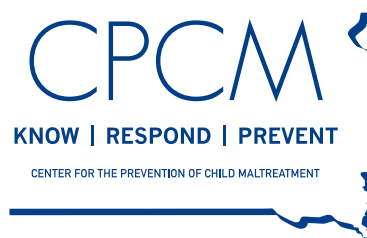
- Begin or review SD's mandatory reporter training
- Explore the Child and Adult Advocacy Studies Graduate Certificate through University of South Dakota
- Consider sharing your expertise at the Community Response to Child Abuse Conference
- Host colleagues at the April Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast
- Express interest in joining a workgroup or strategic planning team

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