

Parenting Education Partners

Parents, parenting partners, policymakers and community professionals provide families in South Dakota the support and education they need to help them succeed in keeping families strong, safe and healthy.

Six Protective Factors

Key Elements for Supporting the Well-Being of Children and Families

1. Nurturing and attachment
2. Knowledge of parenting and child development
3. Parental resilience
4. Social connections
5. Concrete supports for parents
6. Social and emotional competence of children

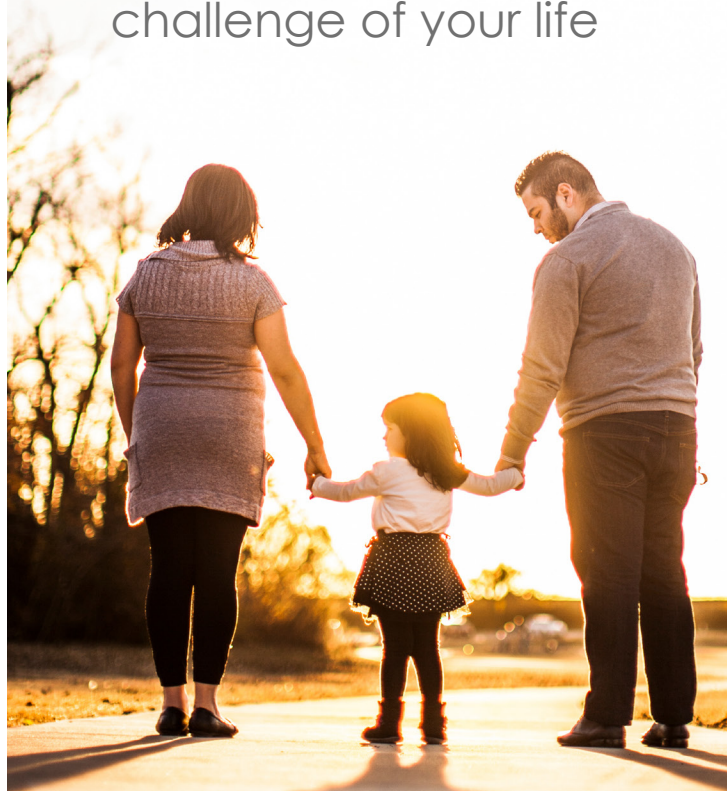


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Common Sense Parenting

Learn about the most
rewarding & exciting
challenge of your life



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Social Services

Common Sense Parenting Program

- ✓ Do you have to continue to ask your child to do something, whether it be to pick up their clothes or make their bed?
- ✓ Do you want to learn specific skills and strategies to help you feel more confident and effective in parenting your children?
- ✓ Do you want to learn how to better empower your child?
- ✓ Do you want to use specific skills to help you experience more of the joys of raising children?

If you answered “yes” to any of the above questions, Common Sense Parenting can help you. Common Sense Parenting is a product of years of research compiled by Boys Town.



This program is a proven, step-by-step guide for raising responsible children and provides skills to help parents build strong, healthy families. The South Dakota Department of Social Services' Division of Child Protection Services offers Common Sense Parenting to help parents make their homes more peaceful, enjoyable and safer for the whole family.



Topics Covered

- ✓ Positive/Negative Consequences
- ✓ Staying Calm
- ✓ Teaching Self-Control
- ✓ Parents as Teachers
- ✓ Preventive Teaching
- ✓ Corrective Teaching
- ✓ Behavior and what it is
- ✓ Discipline and what it is
- ✓ Effective Praise
- ✓ Family Meetings

Learn How To

- ✓ Reduce family stress
- ✓ Support success in school
- ✓ Diminish yelling and fighting
- ✓ Reduce problem behavior
- ✓ Enrich your relationship with your child
- ✓ Increase your confidence as well as your child's

Geared towards a first time parent of a school-aged child, an experienced parent who wants to improve parenting skills, or those parenting through children's developmental and adolescent stages Common Sense Parenting can help. Other caregivers can benefit as well.