

# South Dakota Natural Disaster Grant (Sept 20 – Sept 21)

## Grant Summary

The Department of Social Services Division of Behavioral Health applied for and was awarded the Disaster Response Grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Eligibility for the funding results from the Presidential Disaster Declarations SD-DR-4440 related to the Spring 2019 blizzards and flooding as well as SD-DR-4469 resulting from the Fall 2019 tornadoes and flooding.

The purpose of this grant is to provide mental and substance use disorder treatment, crisis counseling, and other related supports for adults and/or school-aged children impacted by natural disasters. Grant funds may be used to support the following:

- Development and implementation of a comprehensive plan for treatment and recovery support services to decrease the impact of the disaster
- Screen/assess clients and develop appropriate treatment approaches
- Provide direct treatment services
- Provide recovery support services to improve to, and retention in services
- Development and implementation of a workforce training plan
- Establish relationships to link available resources to adults, youths, and families impacted by the disaster

## DBH Grant Activities

This project will serve adults and youth who have experienced impacts resulting from disasters occurring in 2019 across 21 South Dakota counties and five reservations (Pine Ridge, Cheyenne River, Yankton Sioux, Rosebud, and Flandreau Santee).



Project goals include the following:

- Provide mental and substance use disorder treatment, crisis counseling, and other related supports to adults and youth;
- Increase knowledge, skills, and confidence among school-based professionals in recognizing risk factors that predict psychological trauma and providing mental health crisis interventions to school-based youth; and
- Increase the state's public and workforce readiness to recognize and respond to youth, adults, and family's behavioral health needs following disaster events.

## Partners

Partners include The Helpline Center, Mental Health Providers, Substance Use Treatment Providers, Recovery Support Providers, the School Psychology Program at the University of South Dakota, Schools within targeted counties and the Public Policy Center at the University of Nebraska.



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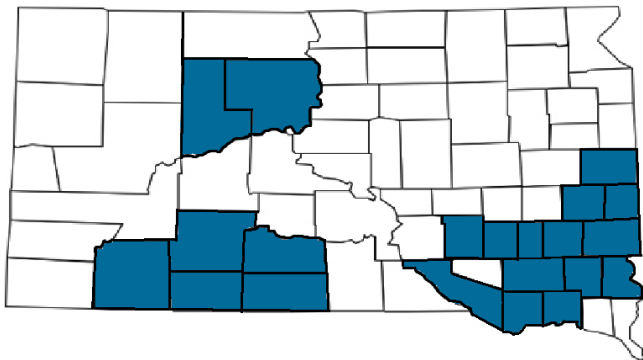
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## Funding

The Department of Social Services, Division of Behavioral Health was awarded \$4,608,946. This funding is available from September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through September 29, 2021. This funding allows the response efforts started with SD-DR-4440 and SD-DR-4469 (Together 4U) to continue as well as expand efforts to support direct treatment and future behavioral health planning efforts.

## Target Population



Target population includes individuals living in the following counties:

- SD-DR- 4440 Counties: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Hutchinson, Minnehaha, Yankton, Oglala Lakota, Jackson, Bennett, Mellette, Todd, Dewey, Ziebach, and Turner
- SD-DR-4469 Counties: Brookings, Charles Mix, Davison, Hanson, Hutchinson, Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Moody, Yankton, and Aurora

## Together 4U Impacts

Impact of SD-DR-4440 (Spring 2019 blizzards and flooding) Together 4U campaign from November 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020 (end of grant).

- **2,177 individuals** reached through crisis counseling services
- Primary services delivered:
  - ✓ **146** Individual/family crisis counseling visits
  - ✓ **608** Brief educational or supportive encounters
  - ✓ 23 Group counseling and public education events impacting **775 people**
- Secondary services delivered:
  - ✓ **210** total Farmer & Rural Stress Hotline calls
  - ✓ **13,468** materials disseminated including handed out materials, mailed materials, and left materials

Impact of SD-DR-4469 (Fall 2019 tornadoes and flooding) Together 4U campaign from November 11, 2019 through October 5, 2020. Grant scheduled to end December 2, 2020.

- **463 individuals** reached through crisis counseling services
- Primary services delivered:
  - ✓ **52** Individual/family crisis counseling visits
  - ✓ **229** Brief educational or supportive encounters
  - ✓ 9 Group counseling and public education events impacting **182 people**
- Secondary services delivered:
  - ✓ **19** total Farmer & Rural Stress Hotline calls
  - ✓ **7,907** other contacts made including materials disseminated