

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. Please see the attached insert for contact information.

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

More Information

For more information on the Common Sense Parenting Program, please contact:

- ✓ SD Department of Social Services
Division of Child Protection Services
Common Sense Parenting Program
Pierre, SD 57501-2291
- ✓ Phone: 605.773.3227
- ✓ Online:
dss.sd.gov/childprotection/parentingprogram.aspx.

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- ✓ 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 praise 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

If you are an excited, first-time parent and a little nervous about certain areas, an experienced parent who wants to improve your parenting skills, or a frustrated parent with a rebellious teenager, Common Sense Parenting can help.

South Dakota Parenting Education Partners

Aberdeen: Lutheran Social Services,
605.882.2740

Brookings: 605.692.6391

Huron: Jan Manolis Family Safe Center,
605.554.0398

Madison: Inter-Lakes Community Action
Partnership, 605.692.6391

Martin: Morning Star Family Ministry,
605.685.6710


Mission: 605.374.3918

Mitchell: Family Visitation Center,
605.996.8880

Mobridge Area: 605.374.3918

Northwestern SD: NW Area School,
Outreach Services on Cheyenne River &
Standing Rock Reservations, 605.374.3918

Pierre: Growing Up Together,
605.224.3189



Rapid City: Catholic Social Services;
Outreach Services on Rosebud, Pine Ridge,
Cheyenne River Reservations,
605.348.6086 or 1.800.727.2401

**Rapid City, Sturgis, Hot Springs, Spearfish,
Belle Fourche, Custer:** Black Hills Special
Services Cooperative,
605.394.5120

Redfield: 605.886.4304

Sioux Falls: Children's Inn,
605.338.0116

Sisseton: 605.374.3918

Wagner: Wagner Community School,
605.665.4811

Watertown: Beacon Center,
605.886.4304

Winner: Southern Plains Behavioral Health
Services, 605.835.8505 (evenings)

Yankton: River City Domestic Violence
Center, 605.665.4811