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Active Generations
• BRIDGES Employment Resource Center — provides services to jobseekers that are over 40 years old, to assist them in their job search.
• The Céilí Cottage Adult Day Services - adult day program for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other types of dementia that is offered in a residential setting with a wide range of care services.
• Day Break — social and health services are provided for adults who need supervised care in a safe place outside the home during the day
• Nutrition Services/Meals on Wheels — allows an older adult to maintain a healthy and independent lifestyle by providing the USDA requirements for their nutritional needs.
• Workers on Wheels* — helps older adults who are unable to do household chores continue living independently in their homes by matching them with volunteers who complete light household chores and provide transportation.

Augustana College
• FRIENDSLink — provides specialized education and recreational opportunities for adults with disabilities along with reverse integration opportunities for Augustana College students.

Avera McKennan Children’s Programs
• Avera Family Wellness Program — focuses on early intervention, including mental health, for children enrolled in preschool programs at two elementary schools through a partnership with the Sioux Falls School District.
• Avera Success by 6* Children’s Programs — includes new parent resource packets, child temperament assessments, and other resources for families and new parents.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sioux Empire
• Community Based Mentoring — matches at-risk youth with a caring adult volunteer role model, through community -based mentoring. Another component is the Mentor Mom program which matches young mothers with an older, more experienced volunteer parent.

Boy Scouts of America, Sioux Council
• Juvenile Diversion — a program that works with first time juvenile offenders diverting them through a Teen Court or a Juvenile Diversion program.
• Scouting — provides character development, citizenship training and personal fitness to children from 1st grade through 19 years of age.
• ScoutReach — uses traditional scouting methods combined with a paid troop leader to reach youth that would not otherwise be involved with Boy Scouts.

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Sioux Empire
• Eastside Club - supports youth and families by giving students a safe, supervised, engaging place to spend time. Focuses on five core areas: the arts, education, and career development, health and life skills, character and leadership skills, and sports and recreation.
• Youth Enrichment Services Early Childhood Education - provides quality childcare and education programs for young children.
• Youth Enrichment Services Infant & Toddler Care - provides quality childcare for infants and toddlers.

Carroll Institute
• Project Awareness — works to reduce and prevent substance abuse and bullying in the Sioux Empire schools through classroom guidance, individual and small group counseling, teacher-trainings, school-wide awareness efforts, and student-led prevention groups.
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**Challenge Day**
- Challenge Day* — provides area middle and high school students with a one-day program that focuses on empathy skill building.

**Character on Track**
- Character on Track — strengthens the character of today’s young people through teaching the Five Marks of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Accountability, Citizenship, and Kindness in all of the school districts in the greater Sioux Falls area.

**Children’s Inn**
- Bright Start* — a preventative and intensive home visiting program for families with low resources.
- Crisis Intervention — provides immediate information and support to victims of violence and abuse through the crisis hotline, partnerships with police, partnerships with emergency room trauma teams, crisis childcare, court advocacy, and drop-in counseling.
- Crisis Shelter for Domestic Violence — offers women and children who are victims of violence a safe and secure emergency residence.

**The Community Outreach**
- Crisis Care — meets the basic human needs of low-income people by providing short-term financial assistance. A large part of the assistance provided goes toward rent, utility assistance, and security deposits for housing needs. Offers a 30 minute interview with each person to gain insight into need(s), create a basic budget, and provide referrals to other agencies.
- Genesis* — partners with the local faith community, service organizations, and businesses in engaging the community to provide homeless and at-risk of becoming homeless families and individuals with opportunities to achieve safe and permanent housing. Mentoring teams work closely with participants to develop encouraging relationships, share life skills, and provide housing related financial assistance.

**The Compass Center**
- Education and Prevention — provides preventative information and educational programs to the community and Sioux Falls area schools. Designed to increase knowledge and advocacy for victims of rape and/or domestic violence.
- Family Violence Project — counseling to abuse victims, prevention education to juvenile offenders and educational and therapeutic interventions to male and female adult offenders.
- Survivor Empowerment Services — provides victims of domestic violence and their families with confidential counseling services and a 24-hour hotline.

**Connecting Kids**
- Connecting Kids* — provides financial assistance for children to participate in a youth development activity who would otherwise not be able to due to a lack of financial resources.

**DakotAbilities**
- Alternative Services — designed to provide recreational and social activities for people with severe physical and intellectual disabilities.

**Delta Dental of South Dakota**
- Delta Dental’s Mobile Dental Program — provides free dental care to low-income students via two dental mobiles.
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EmBe
- Aquatics — a certified learn-to-swim program for children and adults, which teaches swimming and water safety in
group or individual lessons.
- Childcare — exceptional care for children ages 4 weeks through 5 years, using creative learning experiences in safe,
nurturing environment. Care available in two centers—downtown and south locations. A Spanish Immersion
preschool opportunity is available to children ages 4 and 5 in the downtown center.
- Girls on the Run/Heart and Sole* — an interactive life-skills program that is delivered through running, walking, and
other fun activities. The goal is to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. Inspires
girls to be joyful, healthy and confident by using a fun, experience-based curriculum which integrates running.
- Youth Recreation — a variety of recreational programs and activities which offer children opportunities to grow and
develop physically and socially.

Family Connection
- Children’s Connection — serves children in Sioux Falls who have an incarcerated parent by providing support groups,
family events, and summer camp scholarships to programs.

Family Service, Inc.
- Counseling — provides counseling and therapy to individuals in the community who are experiencing emotional or
personal problems.
- Family Life Education — designed to provide education to the public at large on topics related to mental health.
- Heuermann Counseling Clinic — provides free psychiatric and counseling services to clients who have no visible
means for paying for these services.

Family Visitation Center
- Family Visitation Center — provides a safe and supportive environment for children to visit with non-custodial
parents where there has been domestic abuse, child abuse or conflict with visitation, or where there has been a long-
term difficulty between parents and/or child.

Feeding South Dakota
- BackPack Program — provides at-risk children with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods for the weekends.

Furniture Mission
- Furniture Mission — through referral sources from over 100 agencies, the Furniture Mission distributes gently used
furniture that has been donated to those in need. The furniture is donated by people in Sioux Falls or surrounding
communities.

Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons
- Girl Scout Leadership Experience — an opportunity to give girls a variety of skill building and leadership development
activities to help them discover themselves, connect as a team, and take action to make the world a better place.

Helpline Center
- 211 Community Resources — a 24-hour phone hotline and online database for information and referral on community
services.
- Childcare Resources — provides information and referrals for child care services available in the community.
- Suicide & Crisis Support — 24 hour hotline that provides suicide prevention trainings and support services to family
and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide as well as responding to crisis calls.
- Volunteer Opportunities — matches people with volunteer opportunities in non-profit agencies.

HorsePower
- HorsePower — provides a therapeutic horse program for individuals with physical, emotional, and cognitive
limitations.
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Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership
- Child Development Center — provides Early Head Start services to children, age pre-birth to three years, and their families.
- Heartland House — a transitional housing project for homeless families with children.

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Lunch Is Served, Inc.
- Lunch is Served — an outreach ministry whose mission is to provide a nutritious mid-day meal for the working poor in the city of Sioux Falls.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota
- After-School & Summer Programs — provide a safe and supervised environment for elementary children from Cleveland, Terry Redlin, and Hawthorne Elementary Schools in the hours after school. The programs combine academic enrichment with cultural and recreational activities that children enjoy. Tuition assistance is available to make care affordable for families.
- Better Together* - establishes trusting relationships and regular social opportunities between independently living older adults and volunteers.
- Center for Financial Resources — provides confidential and professional financial, bankruptcy, student loan and housing counseling; money management and home buyer education; debt management programs and credit report reviews.
- Counseling Services — provides affordable counseling services to everyone. Offers a sliding fee based on income for basic counseling sessions.
- Everyday Heroes — empowers youth to succeed by establishing trusting relationships with adult volunteers. Mentors serve in all 11 public school districts in Minnehaha and Lincoln Counties.
- Fatherhood & Re-Entry Services - assists fathers and mothers who have recently been released from jail or prison successfully re-integrate into their families and communities.
- Here4Youth — provides Out-of-School-Time Care and a full-time Summer Program to children of all abilities, while specializing in the provision of services to children with disabilities. Services are for children 3 to 21 years of age.
- USucceed* — empowers youth through an innovative mentoring program for high school students who live or attend school in Minnehaha or Lincoln County. Mentors and students commit to four years of active participation throughout the students’ high school years.

The Multi-Cultural Center of Sioux Falls
- Youth Programs — Provides after school and summer care to elementary and middle school children while building a respect for diversity and relationships across cultures in addition to educational components. Expanded programs include Froggy Reads, Native Youth Club, Karate (K-12), Native Counts, and Summer C.A.R.E camp.

REACH
- Adult Literacy Program — administers one-to-one volunteer tutoring for adult non-readers.

Ready to Read*
- Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library* — provides the opportunity for children 5 years of age and under to receive a book each month sent directly to the child.
- Reading Festival* —a one day community wide event to promote literacy.
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Ready to Start*
- Ready to Start* — a five-week program for children who may not have had access to pre-kindergarten services, or who may have demonstrated a need for additional services prior to the first day of kindergarten. Partners with Sioux Falls, Harrisburg, Tea, Canton, and McCook Central School Districts.

Sad Isn't Bad
- Sad Isn't Bad — a community grief support program for children and parents/caregivers.

Sanford Children’s CHILD Services
- Child’s Voice Advocate - provides counseling and other support to child victims of abuse and sexual assault and their families.
- Success by 6* — includes New Baby in the Home visits, Getting to Know Baby Better temperament assessments and consultations, Your Child and Me the Mom Newsletters and other resources for families and new parents.

Sioux Falls Area CASA Program
- CASA — provides abused and neglected children with a volunteer advocate, who serves on the child's behalf through the overburdened juvenile court system.

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation
- Asset Development — generates capital for non-profit agencies and programs across the charitable spectrum.

Sioux Falls Family YMCA
- Middle School After School — provides a safe after-school environment at all Sioux Falls' public middle schools.
- Youth, Adult, & Family Wellness — provides health and wellness opportunities for low-income youth, adults, and families.

Sioux Falls Housing & Redevelopment
- Family Self-Sufficiency — helps assist highly motivated individuals and families with becoming economically self-sufficient.

Sioux Falls School District
- Preschool Opportunities Program* — an early childhood education program for children ages 3 and 4 who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to access quality pre-kindergarten programming.
- School Home Liaison Refugee and Immigrant Program — liaisons work with refugee and immigrant families to adjust to a new culture and language. School Home Liaisons work with the students and parents to complete registrations, orientations, and home visits.

Southeastern Behavioral HealthCare
- Psychiatric Services — maintains access to psychiatric services for children and adults regardless of their financial resources.

St. Francis House
- St. Francis House — an ecumenical ministry providing emergency and transitional housing to single individuals and families with children.

Tallgrass Recovery
- Tallgrass Recovery - offers a community-based, mentor-focused, 12-step approach to a 30-day residential alcohol and drug treatment program.
United Day Care Centers, Inc.
- United Day Care — provides affordable childcare for children from ages two to ten.

USD Scottish Rite Children’s Clinic for Speech and Language Disorders
- Speech and Language Therapy — provides evaluation, treatment and counseling/education for children with communication disorders and their families. The program is a partnership of United Way, the University of South Dakota, and the Scottish Rite.

Volunteers of America, Dakotas
- Berakhah House - short-term transitional housing for veterans as well as support needed to live independently in permanent housing.
- Bowden Youth Center - free drop-in center, located in the heart of the city, offering education and creative opportunities in a safe, supportive environment as well as recreational activities and non-competitive sports. Daily snacks and meals are also provided, as well as education and strategies to help youth make good decisions for their lives.
- Child Care & Family Literacy Center - provides quality child care and early childhood education programs for young children, ages 4 weeks to 10 years old.
- Independent Living Preparation - housing, case management, life skills, employment education assistance, and aftercare services for youth ages 16-21.
- Kidz Count - free after school program for low-income children in grades K-5.
- LifeMarks - an outpatient counseling program, addressing the co-occurring (mental health and chemical dependency) concerns of youth, adults and families.
- Little Blessings Learning Center - brand new center which provides affordable, quality childcare and parenting support.
- Look Up & Hope - uses a comprehensive wraparound approach to improve the lives of families impacted by maternal incarceration.
- Outreach Services - connecting with transition age and homeless youth, the street outreach team helps to find resources for youth who are living on the streets, couch surfing, or on the verge of homelessness in the Sioux Falls area.

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