

South Dakota

Assistive Technology

Resources



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Organization Type: General, Assistive Technology

Disabilities Served: Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Communication and Speech, Developmental Disabilities, Multiple Disabilities

Adaptivation, Inc. designs, manufactures, and distributes assistive technology to people with disabilities throughout the world. They are committed to providing the most useful, long-lasting products and accompanying services to their consumers. This company is based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In their philosophy of focusing on the customer, they often take their customers' input and suggestions and incorporate it into new versions of their products, which are known to be affordable and durable.

Communication Service for the Deaf

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Contact Name: Rick Norris, Corporate Communications Associate

Organization Type: Disability/Disorder Specific, Independent and Community Living

Disabilities Served: Deaf / Blind

Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing broad-based services, ensuring public accessibility and increasing public awareness of issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing individuals. CSD provides direct assistance to deaf and hard of hearing individuals in six basic areas - human services, relay, interpreting, communications technology, media and community relations and training and development. Through education, counseling, training, advocacy, communication assistance and equipment distribution, CSD provides the opportunity for self-actualization, professional growth, and independence for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.

Dakotalink (Assistive Tech Project)

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Contact Name: David Scherer

Organization Type: Assistive Technology, State and Local Organizations

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

DakotaLink can provide up-to-date product information on assistive devices for people with disabilities, elderly, family members, educators, medical professionals, advocates and others.

DakotaLink specializes in providing installation, setup and training on equipment for computer access.

Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Contact Name: Gaye Mattke, Division Director

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: Visual Impairment / Blind

Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired (SBVI) is a state agency in the Department of Human Services. SBVI employs professionally trained rehabilitation specialists who work with eligible individuals via jointly developed individualized service programs. Services are provided that result in employment outcomes and independent living outcomes. Through counseling and teaching people to overcome limitations caused by the visual disability and work in jobs and live in their own homes. Services may include training in the specialized skills of blindness to include cane travel, communications, Braille, daily living skills, home management, and computer skills. SBVI has a modern training center at the South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Sioux Falls. Each individual works with a counselor or teacher in their home community to develop a plan that fully reflects the choices of the individual. Services that may be part of a plan include tuition for training at college or vocational school, physical restoration, assistive devices, and job placement. Some services do require a financial needs test. All areas of the state are covered by district offices. SBVI provides services in order that citizens who are blind and visually impaired may overcome the impediments imposed by the disability and lead productive meaningful lives.

South Dakota AT4All

Tech Act Project for the State of South Dakota

DakotaLink — Main Office

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Rapid City, SD 57702

Call 1-800-645-0673

Or 605-394-6742

There are a number of state agencies, private businesses, and lending programs along with individuals that are listing AT items for sale, giveaway, demonstration, or loan. A wide variety of assistive technology devices will be featured on the site.

South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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Contact Name: Dr. Marjorie Kaiser, Superintendent

Organization Type: General

Disabilities Served: General / Non-disability Specific

The role and mission of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide statewide services to meet the educational needs of sensory impaired children from birth through twenty-one in South Dakota by serving in a dual leadership and resource role in the statewide efforts to serve these students. This mission shall be carried out through cooperative efforts with all appropriate state agencies, educational cooperatives, local education agencies and college and universities. It is recognized that the mission of the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired is a significant part of the continuum of services in the statewide delivery system for children in need of special education OR special education and related services. The South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired understands this responsibility to include: Direct educational programs and services to blind and visually impaired students including the multi-handicapped and deaf-blind, in Aberdeen and at other designated locations, with appropriate emphasis on the "disability specific skills" of Braille, orientation and mobility, technology, daily living, leisure, community interaction and work experience; Residential services for those students whose needs are better served in such an environment; Educational evaluations and interpretation of results for parents and public school teachers and recommendations for appropriate educational programming and placement; Consultative services for local school districts, cooperatives and parents to assist them in developing child identification procedures and an appropriate education program; Supplementary services, including summer programming to reinforce educational growth, provide for special skills

training and assist students in understanding their vision loss and their own abilities;
Development of the school in Aberdeen as a resource center for information about vision loss, educational materials, methods and equipment to serve educators, parents and the public;
Parental and family involvement in all aspects of the child's educational program with a full explanation of parental rights and responsibilities as well as an understanding of vision loss;
Cooperative efforts with the Division of Education in the identification of visually impaired students and the delivery of appropriate educational programs and services as a part of the continuum of services; Cooperative efforts with the colleges and universities in personnel preparation and staff development in the field of vision loss through internships, seminars, research projects and other professional development activities; Cooperative efforts with the Office of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired in the development and implementation of transition plans and vocational readiness; Cooperative efforts with the South Dakota State Library in the provision of curriculum and support materials for students, teachers and parents; and Cooperative efforts with blind consumers through the S.D. Association for the Blind and the National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota to increase public knowledge and acceptance of blindness and to support quality programs and services.