

SOUTH DAKOTA



South Dakota - Recommendations for ADD Actions

1. Use TA providers (AUCD, NDRN, NACDD) to develop a resource bank of ideas for collaboration between state DD network and DD state agency to make sure the SA's voice is being reflected in the funding/budgeting decisions for DD services.
2. See the Dept. of Ed. be pushed a little to support earlier involvement of SA in schools, before the end of post-secondary transition. This includes inviting other entities into the school to be involved in transition planning and education, resources, etc.. Train SAs at a younger age about disabilities and possibilities.
3. Create a "project search" type program/model for people with DD who have completed post-secondary education / training and have trouble finding jobs.

South Dakota - Policy Recommendations for ADD

1. In the next reauthorization of the DD act require that self-advocates review and provide input on waiver for services. Work on this with CMS since they control the money. Get the SA voice even before this, include SA in development of state waivers. “A first thought, not an afterthought”
2. To have an employment first policy in the next reauthorization of the DD Act. In next authorization, have the DD Act require all of DD network to support SA, not just DD councils.
3. Work toward requiring universal design and accessibility in all government information, so self advocates can understand.