



## South Dakota—State Resource Guide

### State Behavioral Health Agency

For more information about admission, care, treatment, release, and patient follow-up in public or private mental health and substance abuse treatment facilities, contact your State agency:

Division of Community Behavioral Health  
South Dakota Department of Social Services  
3800 East Highway 34  
Hillsview Properties Plaza  
c/o 500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: 605-773-3123  
Toll-free: 800-265-9684  
Fax: 605-773-7076  
E-mail: [infoMH@dhs.state.sd.us](mailto:infoMH@dhs.state.sd.us)  
Internet:  
<http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/community>

### State Protection and Advocacy Agency

Each State has a protection and advocacy agency that receives funding from the Federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Agencies are mandated to protect and advocate for the rights of people with mental illnesses and to investigate reports of abuse and neglect in facilities that care for or treat individuals with mental illnesses. These facilities, which may be public or private, include hospitals, nursing homes, community facilities, board and care homes, homeless shelters, jails, and prisons. Agencies provide advocacy services or conduct investigations to address issues that arise during transportation or admission to such facilities, during residency in them, or within 90 days after discharge from them. Contact:

South Dakota Advocacy Services  
221 South Central Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Phone: 605-224-8294 (TDD)  
Toll-free: 800-658-4782 (Statewide)  
Fax: 605-224-5125  
E-mail: [sdas@sdadvocacy.com](mailto:sdas@sdadvocacy.com)  
Internet: <http://www.sdadvocacy.com>

*Spanish language assistance available*

### Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which are part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, investigate some complaints about treatment facilities that receive Medicare and Medicaid funding. For further information at the national level, contact:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244-1850  
Phone: 410-786-3000  
Toll-free: 877-267-2323  
TDD: 866-226-1819  
E-mail: [question@cms.gov](mailto:question@cms.gov)  
Internet: <http://www.CMS.gov>

You may also share your concerns with staff at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services office in your area, which is Region 8. The regional office address and telephone numbers are:

Denver Regional Office  
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
1600 Broadway, Suite 700  
Denver, CO 80202-4367  
Phone: 303-844-2111  
Internet:  
<http://www.cms.gov/RegionalOffices/Downloads/DenverRegionalOffice.pdf>

## Advocacy Organizations

Mental Health America (formerly the National Mental Health Association) maintains a referral and information center and can help you locate local chapters. These local groups have information about community services and engage in national and State level advocacy. For more information about the association, write or call:

Mental Health America Resource Center  
2000 N. Beauregard Street - 6th Floor  
Alexandria, VA 22311  
Phone: 703-684-7722  
Toll-free: 800-969-6642  
TDD: 800-433-5959  
Fax: 703-684-5968  
E-mail: [info@mentalhealthamerica.net](mailto:info@mentalhealthamerica.net)  
Internet: <http://www.nmha.org>

The National Alliance on Mental Illness maintains a helpline for information on mental illnesses and referrals to local groups. The local self-help groups have support and advocacy components and offer education and information about community services for families and individuals. For information about the Alliance's affiliates and activities in your State, contact:

NAMI South Dakota  
P.O. Box 88808  
3920 South Western Avenue  
Sioux Falls, SD 57109-8808  
Phone: 605-271-1871  
Toll-free: 800-551-2531  
E-mail: [namisd@midconetwork.com](mailto:namisd@midconetwork.com)  
Internet: <http://www.nami.org/sites/NAMISouthDakota>

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse, funded partly by SAMHSA, promotes and helps to develop consumer-run self-help groups across the country. Technical assistance and materials are available on such topics as organizing groups, fundraising, leadership development, incorporating, public relations, advocacy, and networking. For more information, contact:

The National Mental Health Consumers' Self-Help Clearinghouse  
1211 Chestnut Street, Suite 1207  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: 215-751-1810  
Toll-free: 800-553-4KEY (539)  
Fax: 215-636-6312  
E-mail: [info@mhsselfhelp.org](mailto:info@mhsselfhelp.org)  
Internet: <http://www.mhsselfhelp.org>

The National Empowerment Center is a Technical Assistance Center run by mental health consumers/survivors. The Center's mission is to carry a message of recovery, empowerment, hope and healing to people who have been diagnosed with mental illness. The Center provides information and referrals to consumer/survivor resources nationwide and offers technical assistance to individuals and groups involved in consumer empowerment activities. The Center distributes recovery-related publications and sponsors education and training activities. For information on consumer/survivor activities in your area, contact:

The National Empowerment Center  
599 Canal Street  
Lawrence, MA 01840  
Phone: 978-685-1494  
Toll-free: 800-769-3728  
Fax: 978-681-6426  
E-mail: [info4@power2u.org](mailto:info4@power2u.org)

## Other Sources of Information

There are many sources of information that you can tap. Your area mental health authority, which is generally a part of the local government, may be useful. Other branches of your city or county government also may be able to help. For example, the education office might have information about help for children, and the agency for the aging might know about services for senior citizens. In addition, your family physician or area hospital may be able to make referrals. For legal advice, contact your local bar association or go to <http://www.findlegalhelp.org>. Also, your local library and telephone yellow pages may have resource lists for sources of help in your community.

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