


TRAINING & EDUCATION


OVERVIEW: Beginning in 2018, sponsorships have been awarded to numerous organizations for training and education events aimed at professionals who serve populations affected by opioid abuse or misuse, as well as other drugs.


Funding is available for training and education sponsorship opportunities across South Dakota through the Department of Social Services (DSS), Division of Behavioral Health.



AS OF OCTOBER 2021...

 **89 graduate program students** received training on evidence-based pain management strategies.

 **More than 400 professionals** were trained in strategies to identify and respond to needs of drug-endangered children.

 **More than 140 social workers** received virtual training on opioid awareness and available treatment.

SAMPLE FUNDED PROJECTS

Mount Marty University purchased equipment for their Graduate Program in Nurse Anesthesia to enhance students' learning through the use of ultrasounds and simulators that teach regional anesthesia techniques for Enhanced Recovery after Surgery (ERAS). ERAS is a patient-centered, evidence-based pain management strategy employed by nurse anesthetists to reduce the need for opioids and improve patient outcomes. A total of 89 nurse anesthetist practitioners and students completed this training in the 2020-21 academic year.

The **Helpline Center** in partnership with DSS will coordinate and host a professional workshop in 2022 aimed at educating professionals on overdose awareness and available prevention efforts and interventions.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment at the University of South Dakota provided training sessions at its Annual Community Response to Child Maltreatment Conferences held in 2018, 2019, and 2021, targeted to medical providers regarding strategies to identify and respond to the needs of drug endangered children and their mothers.

In partnership with the **South Dakota Dental Association**, 60 dental professionals participated in training on Chemical Dependence and Prescription Writing in June 2020, and 70 dental professionals participated in training on effective alternatives to opioids for pain management in May 2021.

To learn more about sponsorship funding availability and guidelines review open **Funding Opportunities** at <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/grantinfo.aspx>

If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction - don't wait. Reach out.

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Treatment Resource Hotline
1-800-920-4343

To learn more about training events within your community, please contact DSS Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236.

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