

SD ASSOCIATION OF RESIDENTIAL YOUTH CARE PROVIDERS

Advocating for South Dakota children especially the 2000 children served in Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and Group Care.

OUR PRIORITIES:

- If there is consideration of restoring provider inflation, any increases need to be applied consistently across all provider systems.
- Establish a Master's in Social Work program within South Dakota

WHO WE SERVE:

- Children and youth ages 4 – 18
- Children and youth that have been abused or neglected; have a serious emotional disturbance; have been determined a Child in Need of Supervision; or adjudicated as a Juvenile Delinquent

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 70% of the children in the Association members care are in the custody of the Departments of Social Services and Corrections.
- As a network of providers we have been responsive to the community based initiatives from the Department of Social Services and Department of Corrections.
- The largest single component of provider's annual costs is employee compensation.
- Association members reported a 43% turnover in the last year for direct care employees.
- The Association member's average starting pay for a direct care employee with a 4 year degree care is \$11.03 or \$22,942 annually. This is predominately night and weekend shifts.
- Providers compete in multiple job markets such as Registered Nurses, Special Education Teachers, Mental Health Therapists, and college graduates; and contracts for professional services such as psychiatrists, psychologists, physicians.
- The Association member's average starting pay for Registered Nurses is \$36,400, compared to SD Department of Labor statewide average of \$52,939.
- The Association member's average starting pay for Mental Health Therapists is \$35,006, compared to SD Department of Labor statewide average of \$39,068.
- We value all people – the young, the old, and people with all level of abilities. We believe these respective constituent groups should have the same opportunity to receive care from qualified, competent and compassionate staff.

MEMBERSHIP:

Abbott House, Mitchell
Almost Home, Aberdeen
Children's Home Society, Rapid City
LSS-Canyon Hills Center, Spearfish
LSS-Summit Oaks I & II, Sioux Falls
Our Home, Parkston
Sacred Heart Center, Eagle Butte
Springfield Academy, Springfield
VOA-West Farm, Sioux Falls

Aurora Plains Academy, Plankinton
Chamberlain Academy, Chamberlain
Children's Home Society, Sioux Falls
LSS-New Beginnings Center, Aberdeen
McCrosan Boy's Ranch, Sioux Falls
Our Home, Huron
Sky Ranch, Camp Crook
Volunteers of America, Dakotas, Sioux Falls
Wellspring, Rapid City

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