



## What is Early Learner South Dakota?

We are a community-driven grassroots effort, bringing awareness and support to the importance of how access to a variety of quality early learning environments impact our community's future.

## Who is an early learner?

All children in South Dakota ages 0-8.

## Where does early learning take place?

Everywhere! In the home, classroom, friend's home, religious organizations, on the ranch, farm, and on the playground.

## Why is early learning important?

Children are the future of our state. They are the next generation of workforce, parents, and leaders. The data is clear: early access to quality learning for all children leads to healthier, thriving communities.

## Who is responsible for early learning?

You! Everyone can support early learning and our future.

## How can you help?

First, be aware and informed. Then, get involved by investing time, knowledge, resources, perspectives, talent and skills.

**Get Involved by scanning the QR code, or by visiting:**

Website: [www.earlylearnersd.org](http://www.earlylearnersd.org)  
Email: [info@earlylearnersd.org](mailto:info@earlylearnersd.org)



## Our Vision:

That all children have access to high quality early learning experiences and environments to create a solid foundation for lifelong success.

## How We Achieve Our Vision:

### 1. Statewide Early Learning Network

This statewide early learning network supports the work of each community, helps build public awareness, and advocates for the growth of early learning in the state.

### 2. Early Learning Communities

Individual communities take on in-depth work to build awareness and better support for providers and families in their community.

### 3. Early Learning Committees

Early Learning Committees bring a unified vision and focus to long-term goals of Early Learner South Dakota .

Early Learner South Dakota is an initiative led by the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children

# Get Involved

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## Advocacy

Early Learner South Dakota promotes advocacy toward a system that ensures all children have what they need to reach their full potential. We provide resources for you to become an advocate for early learners!



## Collaboration & Leadership

Early Learner South Dakota acknowledges all the dedicated organizations, individuals, and initiatives geared towards supporting South Dakota's children. We believe that a unified effort helps to best ensure all needs are covered without overlapping of services.

## Early Learner Communities

Early Learner South Dakota communities take on in-depth work to build awareness and better support for providers and families in their community. Current early learner communities include: Custer and Rapid City.



## Awareness

Early Learner South Dakota sponsors a yearly Summit to talk about the current state of early learning in South Dakota, as well as bringing community stakeholders and supporters together.

## Policy

Early Learner South Dakota actively advocates for practices & policies that best support early learners and their communities. We encourage all stakeholders to pay attention to the issues of childcare and education in our state and local politics.

