



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

Email: 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

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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.