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Rapid City

## Community Update

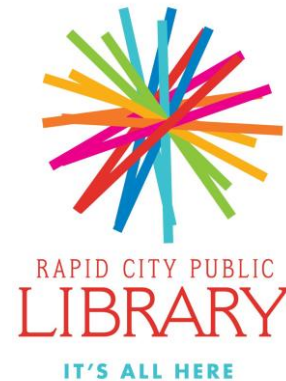
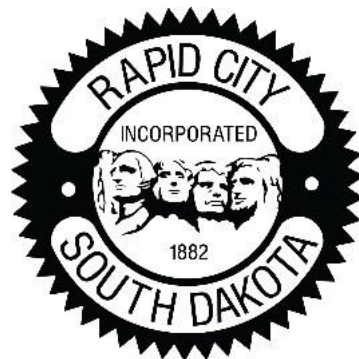
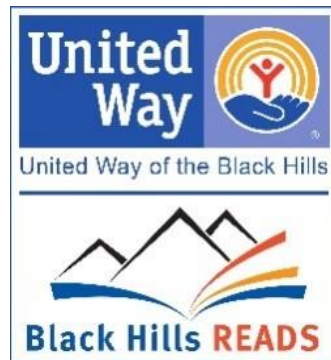
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# Early Learner South Dakota



- **The role of ELSD**
- **ELSD Committees**
  - Funding
  - Collaboration
  - Early Learner Communities
  - Advocacy and Policy
  - Leadership
- **ELSD vs. ELRC**
- **Our Working Relationship with DSS**
  - New rules and regulations
  - Legislative Updates



## **Vision**

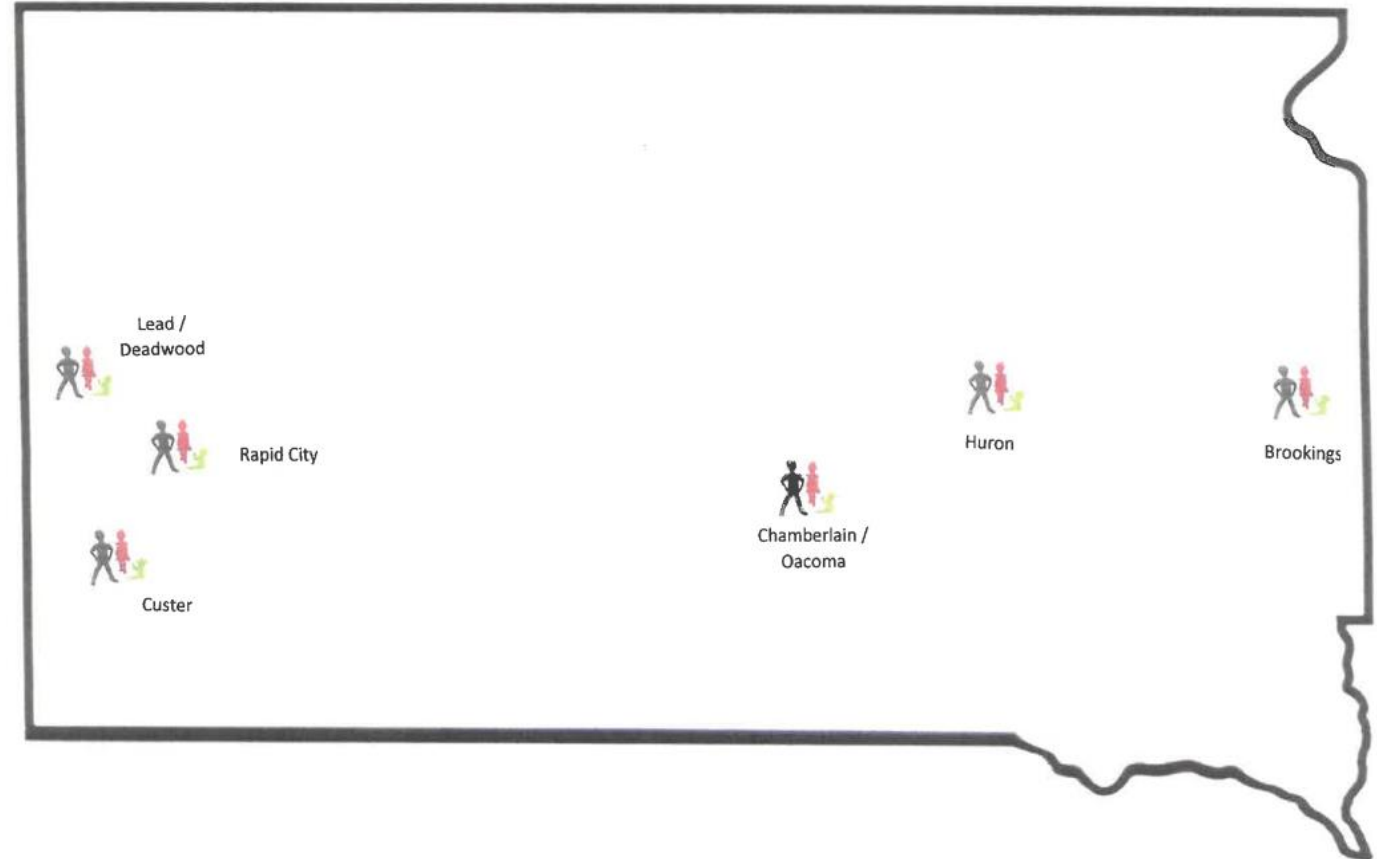
That all children have access to high-quality early learning experiences and environments to create a solid foundation for lifelong success.

# Early Learner South Dakota Communities



## 6 Early Learner Communities:

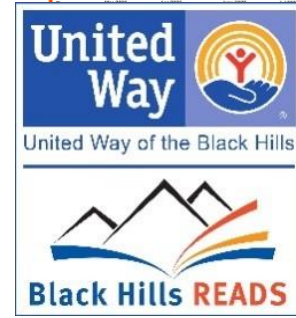
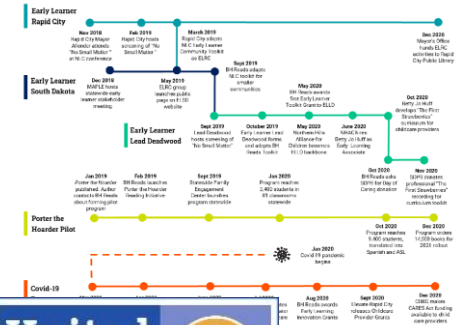
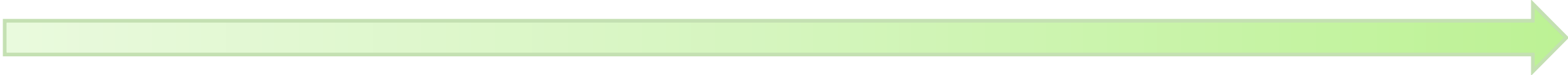
- Brookings
- Chamberlain-Oacoma
- Custer
- Huron
- Lead/Deadwood
- Rapid City



# Early Learner Rapid City History



2007                      2010                      2018                      2019                      2020                      2021                      2022



**Special Announcement:**

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# Early Learner Innovation Fund



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# Early Learner Innovation Fund

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- **\$475,000 investment** in a donor-advised fund at the Black Hills Area Community Foundation
- Fund innovative partnerships and solutions to the Rapid City Area childcare crisis
  - **Planning Phase:** February-April 2023
  - **Development Phase:** Projected May-August 2023
  - **Action Phase:** Projected September 2023-2024

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# New Topics and Focus

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# Focus Moving Forward

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- ELRC Business Collaborative Committee
- Alternative Learning Opportunities Committee
- Lakota Voice Committee
- Awareness & Events Committee





# Save the Date!

## **Next ELRC Community Meeting:**

Thursday, June 15th, 5:30 p.m.  
The Monument