



May Newsletter

****DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DSS ADMIN RULE WRITTEN COMMENTS: MAY 22ND****

DSS held a **Public Hearing** on Friday, May 12th at the DSS Building regarding the recent Admin Rule changes.

Although the public hearing date has passed, **the public may still submit written comments regarding the proposed rules by May 22nd, via the following options:**

1. **Mail them to Teresa Schulte, Administrative Rules, Department of Social Services, 811 East 10th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103; or**
2. **Email them to DSSAdminRules@state.sd.us.**

Click the button below to download our information sheet and learn more about how the proposed state regulations weaken safety rules for children in child care.

[Info Sheet](#)

Update on the Child Care Taskforce



Child care doesn't make the summer study, but will have an informal task force.

Early Learner SD Director, Kayla Klein along with Mike Bockorny from the Economic Development Professionals Association will be co-chairing the multi-year child care taskforce along with the guidance of Senator Tim Reed.

This task force will look to have a multidisciplinary focus to study and develop statewide policies to improve child care quality, capacity, affordability, and accessibility. The task force steering committee is still being formed and more information will be released soon.

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Preschool Survey



South Dakota DOE and DSS begin survey of preschools in the state

The South Dakota Department of Education and the Department of Social Services recently announced a survey of preschools to better understand the quality of care that children receive.

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2023 Early Learner Summit

**SAVE
THE
DATE**



SEPTEMBER 21ST - 22ND

Location Announcement!
McCrary Gardens Education & Visitor Center
Brookings, South Dakota

McCrary Gardens is a botanical garden and

arboretum operated and maintained by [South Dakota State University](#).

McCrary Gardens has over 25 acres of formal display gardens and 45 acres of arboretum featuring hundreds of different flowers, trees, shrubs and grasses in harmonious settings to display, educate and further the development of new varieties.



[Learn more about the gardens here.](#)

Keynote Speaker:

**Nancy Fishman,
National Director
ReadyNation**



What is ReadyNation? Who does ReadyNation serve and how does ReadyNation help with existing child care efforts in South Dakota? Nancy Fishman, National Director, will address these questions, and will also discuss the ReadyNation child care report that will be released in May.

STAY TUNED, MORE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AND EVENT DETAILS TO COME!

[Reserve Tickets Here](#)

FREE Childcare Provider Dinner

EVENT FOR BLACK HILLS AREA PROVIDERS ONLY

CHILDCARE PROVIDER DINNER



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DINNER FOR
CHILDCARE
PROVIDERS!



Black Hills area childcare providers are invited to a **FREE dinner hosted by the John T. Vucurevich Foundation (JTVF) at the Alpine Room at the Monument in Rapid City on Tuesday, May 23rd at 6 p.m.**

At the meeting, JTVF will discuss a new platform that will allow providers to communicate better with current and future clients as well as a FREE marketing tool. JTVF will also briefly discuss the statewide childcare task force and how to have your voice heard.

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 18th. (Please note that event is for Black Hills area providers only.)

[Click here to
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