



# South Dakota Association of Youth Care Providers

*Fostering successful futures for South Dakota's youth  
with significant mental health and behavioral challenges*

YOUTH CARE SERVICES	MEMBERS
<p>WHO WE SERVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children and youth ages 4 – 18 with significant mental health and behavioral challenges that leave them unable to safely function in their home, school and/or community</li> </ul> <p>RANGE OF SERVICES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family-Based Services and Foster Care</li> <li>Therapeutic After-School Time</li> <li>Day Treatment</li> <li>Assessment, Crisis Stays and Group Care</li> <li>Psychiatric Residential Treatment</li> <li>Intensive Residential Treatment</li> <li>Independent Living Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abbott House, Mitchell</li> <li>Aurora Plains, Plankinton</li> <li>Chamberlain Academy, Chamberlain</li> <li>Children's Home Society, Rapid City and Sioux Falls</li> <li>Lutheran Social Services, Aberdeen, Sioux Falls and Spearfish</li> <li>McCrossan Boy's Ranch, Sioux Falls</li> <li>Our Home, Huron and Parkston</li> <li>Sacred Heart Center, Eagle Butte</li> <li>Sky Ranch, Camp Crook</li> <li>Springfield Academy, Springfield</li> <li>Volunteers of America, Sioux Falls</li> <li>Wellspring, Rapid City</li> </ul>

### ***Impact of residential services on South Dakota's economy...***

- \$35.8 million industry; 68% or \$24.3 million is personnel costs (from FY08 cost reports)
- Employ 975 people (full and part-time positions)
- No funding increases for FY10 – employees received no salary increases, reduction of positions and hours, cuts to benefits and retirement contributions
- Economic impact of flat or reduced funding:
  - Federal mandates on staffing ratios create significant challenges to cutting direct care hours
  - No increase means additional cuts in work hours or wages to accommodate increases in health insurance, unemployment rates and other costs beyond our control
  - Negative impact on consumer spending – reduce jobs or wages and people have less to spend
  - Increases demand for unemployment, food stamps, Medicaid – if we lay-off staff they may be forced to turn to public assistance

### ***South Dakota's youth need your support...***

- 1650 youth served in residential programs in FY09
- **72% or 158,747 days of residential care were for youth in state custody**
- Education is not the state's only responsibility to its youth – protection, care and treatment of youth in state custody is of equal importance and value
- With effective treatment services for youth, they will develop into adults that are productive members of society – working, raising healthy families, owning homes
- A lack of treatment services for youth will result in a lifetime of cycling through jails, detox, mental health treatment, hospital emergency rooms, HSC, or prison - with far greater cost

**INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR FUTURE**