

South Dakota Suicide Prevention Newsletter

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Resources for Educators



Schools are a key setting for suicide prevention, and educators are uniquely positioned to identify students who may be struggling. A [new webpage](#) has recently been added to the SDSP website to provide educators with resources for fostering a safer and more supportive environment for

students. Resources include school-based suicide prevention curriculum, crisis planning resources, and the South Dakota K-12 Schools Guide to Prevent Suicide Toolkit (GPS-T) developed by Dr. Scott Poland and Dr. Donna Poland.

Blue Collar Workforce Toolkit

From 2019-2023, construction and manufacturing industries accounted for approximately 23% of suicide deaths in South Dakota. A workforce toolkit was designed to address the unique factors that put construction workers, manufacturers, truck drivers and other skilled trade workers at higher risk, as well as to reduce the stigma that often surrounds mental health and substance misuse support in these industries. The toolkit includes downloadable assets as well as printed materials available in English and Spanish. The physical toolkits are available for any South Dakota businesses in a blue collar industry to request on the [toolkit webpage](#).



5th Annual Behavioral Health Conference

The Division of Behavioral Health hosted its fifth annual conference in Sioux Falls August 11th-12th with approximately 500 attendees from across the state. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great event!



Events

988

DAY

Join us on September 8th (9/8) to spread awareness, reduce stigma, and make

compassionate care accessible to anyone in need. On 988 Day, we're inviting everyone to help amplify this critical resource. This year's theme is "988 Reasons: Your reason is reason enough". You can find content and ways to participate in the [988 Day toolkit](#). We look forward to creating a memorable #988Day with all of you.



Key messages, assets, and more are available in the [SAMHSA toolkit](#). Find or add your Suicide Prevention Month events on the [SDSP Events](#) page.

For information on Survivor Support Groups across South Dakota, [click here](#).

For more information or to add an event, visit the [SDSP Events Page](#).

New Suicide Prevention Rack Card now available to order!

