

SOUTH DAKOTA Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) Grant Abstract	
Grant Number	DI-22463-11-75-A-46
Grant Award	\$1,997,747
DEI Applicant	South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation
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Project Period	Three Years (2011-2014)
Abstract Narrative	
Scope of Grant	Statewide serving Youth with Disabilities (including subgroups such as TANF recipients.)
Project Description	The SDDEI's goal is to improve educational, training and employment opportunities and outcomes for youth with disabilities as a means to economic self-sufficiency. The project has a comprehensive model for improving employment outcomes of youth with disabilities through the individualization of employment plans and the leveraging of existing programs and supports to achieve employment goals. The SDDEI will improve linkages with transition planning teams and other services within the workforce development system to market and redirect the enrollment of out-of-school youth and youth transitioning from school to the adult workforce system; and expand the capacity of the local One-Stop system to respond to the employment needs of youth with disabilities.
Strategic Service Delivery Components	Integrated Resource Teams; Blending and Braiding Funds/Leveraging Resources; Partnerships and Collaboration; Asset Development; Guideposts for Success; Customized Employment and Self Employment.
Strategic Partners	The SDDEI's key partners are: Department of Human Services (Div of Rehabilitation Services, Services to the Blind/Visually Impaired; Div of Developmental Disabilities, Family Support); Departments of Social Services (Divisions of Mental Health, TANF, Child Care Assistance), Education, and Corrections; State Treatment and Rehabilitation Academy.
Proposed Outcomes	The SDDEI proposes: a 20 percent increase in the number of youth with disabilities served in the local DLR Offices through existing WIA and Wagner-Peyser services; to recruit and enroll 200 participants in the SDDEI; and that 70 percent of individuals served in the program will attain their employment goals.