

SOUTH DAKOTA Healthy Brain Coalition

Working together to advance brain health and reduce the impact of dementia across South Dakota.

The South Dakota Healthy Brain Coalition brings together partners from healthcare, public health, education, tribal organizations, community-based organizations, advocacy groups, caregivers, and other sectors to promote brain health for all ages and support individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's Disease and related dementias (ADRD).

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Our Priorities

The Coalition works to implement South Dakota's ADRD State Plan through evidence-informed strategies that:

- Advance brain health for all ages
- Promote dementia risk reduction
- Support early detection and diagnosis
- Strengthen caregiver and community support
- Build a skilled and informed workforce
- Improve systems of care and access to resources
- Use data to guide action and improve outcomes

Coalition Workgroups

1. Strengthen State, Community, and Tribal Partnerships
2. Engage and Educate the Public
3. Build a Diverse and Skilled Workforce
4. Equip and Empower Individuals and Caregivers
5. Use Data to Drive Action and Improve Outcomes

A Steering Committee provides leadership and oversight. Members support implementation through collaboration and workgroup participation.

Get Involved

- Participate in trainings and events
- Share resources and expertise
- Provide input on strategies and implementation efforts
- Help connect partners and strengthen statewide collaboration
- Attend coalition and workgroup meetings
- Full Coalition Meetings: Twice a year (virtual and in-person)
- Workgroup meetings: Quarterly (virtual)
- Special Project Meetings: As needed (virtual)

Participation is flexible and designed to fit members' roles, interests, and availability.

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