

List of Public and Private Agencies to meet the Department of Health's requirements under 34-23A-10.3(2)

2-a) Medical Assistance benefits may be available for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal care.

State agencies and private organizations offering alternatives to abortion are listed below within each section. That agency or private organization provided the description of services for each agency or private organization, and a representative should be contacted, as eligibility and service information may change.

STATE AGENCY SERVICES

Children's Home Society Bright Start Initiative — <https://chssd.org/brightstart> 1-605-274-0233

Provides a variety of services to assure that every baby born in South Dakota has the opportunity for a good start in life. Services may include home visitation, newborn hearing screenings, early intervention screenings, immunizations, parenting education, and mental health services.

Department of Health

First 1000 Days — <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/mch/mch-services/> 1-800-738-2301

Risk assessment, case management, perinatal education, prenatal/postpartum visits, referral to community resources and referral for genetic counseling.

South Dakota PLAN — <https://doh.sd.gov/programs/sd-plan/> 1-800-738-2301

Pregnancy testing and referrals to medical care and other available resources and sources of assistance.

WIC — <https://doh.sd.gov/programs/wic/> 1-800-738-2301

A supplemental nutrition program for eligible women, infants and children providing nutrition education and counseling, breast-feeding support (information & breast pumps perinatal education), healthy foods, referral to doctors, nurses, health and social service agencies.

Department of Social Services

Department of Social Services — <http://dss.sd.gov/> 1-605-773-3165

Services include food stamps, energy assistance, financial assistance for medical services, assistance with transportation, financial assistance with childcare, and information about adoptions and adoption resources. The department also funds domestic abuse centers.

Addiction Treatment Services — <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/services.aspx> 1-605-773-3123

Treatment programs for pregnant women and women with dependent children.

Behavioral Health Services — <https://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/default.aspx> 1-605-773-3123

A variety of services including medical, social, educational, vocational, and other support services necessary to meet basic human needs.

Safe Havens (Baby Moses Law) — <https://dss.sd.gov/childprotection/safehaven.aspx> 605-773-3165

South Dakota law allows a parent to deliver an infant 60 days of age or younger, who has not been harmed, to an emergency medical services provider* or a licensed child placement agency with the intent of relinquishing permanent custody of the infant. The law is referred to as the Baby Moses law and the specific statute is SDCL 25-5A-27 through 25-5A-35, found at SDCL 25-5A. (*licensed health care facility or clinic, a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or an emergency medical technician.)

PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS OFFERING ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION

The description of each private organization and of its services was provided by the private organization itself. An updated listing of private organizations offering alternatives to abortion is maintained under the “Pregnancy Help Centers” button at <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/mch/womens-health/pregnancy/pregnancy-help-centers/>

Alpha Center — <https://alphacenter.org/> 3405 South Kiwanis Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105 1-605-361-3500

A nonprofit agency that provides a full range of services to women and men involved in an unplanned pregnancy. The goal is to provide positive alternatives with practical support to women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Bethany Christian Services — <https://bethany.org/> 1-800-BETHANY (pregnancy counseling hotline)

1915 E. 8th St Ste 104 & 106, Sioux Falls, SD 57103 1-605-336-6999

217 Kansas City St, Rapid City, SD 57701 1-605-343-7196

Licensed child-placing agency providing comprehensive, professional pregnancy counseling, free of charge, to women of all ages experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Women can also call the pregnancy counseling hotline to speak with trained counselors, 24 hours a day. In addition, Bethany is licensed to provide foster care and adoptive placements for children; adoptive home studies for families seeking to adopt a child; designated adoption services; international adoption services; and post-placement services for families who have adopted.

Birthright — www.birthright.org 101 N. Indiana Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103 605-809-8409

Caring, non-judgmental support to girls and women who are distressed by an unplanned pregnancy. Using its resources and those of the community, Birthright provides positive and loving alternatives to abortion.

Birthright provides many services and refers for many more. It provides friendship and emotional support, free pregnancy tests, and maternity and baby clothes. It also provides information and referrals to help clients meet legal, medical, financial, and housing needs. Birthright treats each woman as an individual who deserves kindness and respect, as well as personal attention to her unique situation. All Birthright services are free, confidential, and available to any woman regardless of age, race, creed, economic or marital status.

Catholic Family Services — www.sfcatholic.org/cfs/

523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104 605-988-3775

Counseling, adoptions, home studies, foster care, psychological evaluations, and educational programs.

Catholic Social Services, Rapid City — <http://catholicsocialservicesrapidcity.com/>

529 Kansas City St. Suite 100, Rapid City, SD 57701 605-348-6086

Counseling services, group presentations, parenting classes, adoption services, and free birth parent services throughout western South Dakota.

Lutheran Social Services — www.lsssd.org/index.html

705 E. 41st St., Suite 200, Sioux Falls, SD 57105 605-444-7500

Largest private non-profit social service agency in South Dakota. Its services include consumer credit counseling, mental health counseling, residential care for youth at risk, employee assistance program, affordable housing, housing resource center, childcare, adoption, foster care, school-based mentoring, refugee and immigration, interpreter services, rural ministry, disaster response, and Partners in Caring.

Mother Teresa Endowment Fund — <https://thelourdescenter.com/>

523 N. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57104

605-334-9861

Established by the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls and Catholic Family Services to provide financial assistance to individuals or couples experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and who have considered abortion because of limited financial resources. Catholic Family Services provides free pregnancy counseling and will work with the birth parents to determine the community resources they are qualified to receive. The Mother Teresa Endowment Fund assists with legitimate costs that are not covered by these community resources.

National Office of Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing — consults on the formation of post-abortion support services within secular and religious settings including Project Rachel, provides training for care providers, maintains a national "800" referral line for those seeking assistance in reconciling an abortion experience, publishes the International Post-Abortion Support Services Directory, produces and lends audio, video, and printed materials, maintains an annotated book list, tracks support group models, and sponsors the Healing Vision conference at Marquette University.

Project Rachel — <https://hopeafterabortion.com/>

1-888-456-HOPE (4673)

An outreach program that offers help, hope, and healing to those dealing with the hurt and loss of an abortion experience.

Private Physicians — find a private physician providing care related to your pregnancy by contacting the Community Health Nurse in your area. <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/mch/community-health-offices/>

OTHER AGENCY SERVICES

Community Health Centers — <https://doh.sd.gov/topics/mch/community-health-offices/>

Quality primary and preventive health care regardless of ability to pay.

Indian Health Service — <https://www.ihs.gov/>

Services to raise the physical, mental, social, and spiritual health of American Indians and Alaska Natives to the highest level.

Local school counselors/nurses — many local schools have counselors and nurses who may be able to help in identifying resources and services.

2-b) The father of the unborn child is legally responsible to provide financial support for the child following birth, and this legal obligation of the father exists in all instances, even in instances in which the father has offered to pay for the abortion.

The father of a child has a legal responsibility to provide for the support, medical and other needs of his child. In South Dakota, that responsibility includes child support payments to the child's mother or legal guardian. Children have rights of inheritance from their father and may be eligible through him for benefits such as life insurance, Social Security, pension, veteran's or disability benefits. Additionally, children benefit from knowing their father's medical history and any potential health problems that can be passed genetically.

The South Dakota Department of Social Services, Office of Child Support Enforcement helps parents establish a financial partnership. Staff at eight field offices help locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity, establish or modify child support and medical support orders, enforce support orders, and collect and process support payments.

For more information contact the Office of Child Support Enforcement at 605-773-3641 or visit its website at <https://dss.sd.gov/childsupport/offices.aspx>

2-c) The name, address, and telephone number of a pregnancy help center in reasonable proximity of the abortion facility where the abortion will be performed — See the private agencies listed on pages 1-3.

2-d) Right to review additional information. You as a pregnant woman considering an abortion have a right to review certain other information. If you indicate a desire to review any of this information, it must be provided to you, in person, at least 24 hours before an abortion, or it may be mailed to you at least 72 hours before an abortion. This information includes:

(1) Relevant portions of the statute setting out the requirements for informed consent to abortion which consists of the definitional section as set out at **SDCL 34-23A-1** and several sections containing legislative findings as set out at SDCL 34-23A-1.2 through 1.7.

(2) Certain other materials printed by the South Dakota Department of Health, including: disclosures which must be given to a woman contemplating abortion pursuant to 34-23A-10.1; a listing of public and private agencies, including adoption agencies, and the services they make available throughout pregnancy, upon childbirth and while the child is dependent; the “Fetal Growth & Development” booklet <https://doh.sd.gov/media/bnemplje/fetal.pdf>

(3) You also have a right to review the Department of Health’s website, “Information on Fetal Development, Birth, Abortion & Adoption” found at <https://doh.sd.gov/news-statutes/statutes-rules/abortion/>

For more detailed information about pregnancy and abortion alternatives visit <https://doh.sd.gov/programs/pregnancy-care-program/>