

# South Dakota Department of Education

## Contact Sheet for School Counselors



Below are SD DOE staff members and relevant entities that may be beneficial for school counselors to contact for support when needed. Anyone who is not employed at the SD DOE has his/her agency noted by his/her name.

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<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/counselors.aspx>

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### **Accountability/SPI/4-Year Cohort** [DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us](mailto:DOE.Accountability@state.sd.us)

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- Accommodations  
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- Science General Education and Alternative Assessments  
Chris Booth  
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- ACCESS (EL) Assessment  
Shari Lord  
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- NAEP  
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**Bring Your "A" Game to Work**  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/training\\_opportunities/soft\\_skills\\_training.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx)  
Contact your local DLR Office  
<https://dlr.sd.gov/localoffices/location.aspx#locations>

**Bring Your "A" Game Anywhere (Virtual Course)**  
Heather Nelson (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
605-882-5151  
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**Build Dakota Scholarship**  
[builddakotascholarships.com](http://builddakotascholarships.com)  
Deni Martin (Program Manager)  
605-347-1804  
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**Capstone Experiences**  
(Entrepreneurship Experience, Senior Experience, Service Learning, Youth Internship, Youth Apprenticeship)  
Kristin Larson  
605-295-1930  
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**Career Camps**  
<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-career/career-camps>  
Megan Tatum  
605-773-4726  
[Megan.tatum@state.sd.us](mailto:Megan.tatum@state.sd.us)

**Career Launch (includes SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Career Advisors)**  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/career\\_launch/toolkit.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/career_launch/toolkit.aspx)  
Contact your regional career advisor for industry connections & work-based learning resources  
Morgan Heuer (DLR Career Launch Coordinator)  
605-295-7697  
[Morgan.heuer@state.sd.us](mailto:Morgan.heuer@state.sd.us)

**Certification**  
<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/courselor.aspx> (School Counselor Certification)  
<https://doe.sd.gov/certification/> (General Certification)  
Certification Office  
[certification@state.sd.us](mailto:certification@state.sd.us)

**Course Codes**  
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>  
Division of Learning & Instruction  
605-773-6400  
[Vera.tipton@state.sd.us](mailto:Vera.tipton@state.sd.us)  
(see page 3)

**CPR Requirement**  
Division of Learning & Instruction  
605-773-6400

**College Readiness/Remediation**  
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**Council on College Admission in South Dakota (CCASD)**  
<https://sdcollegeadmissions.com/>  
Shelly Lammers (CCASD)  
605-381-9534  
[Shelly@sdcollegeadmissions.com](mailto:Shelly@sdcollegeadmissions.com)

**CTE Regional Specialists**  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/cteregions.aspx>

**Dual Credit**  
<https://sdmylife.com/prepping-for-college/dual-credit>  
Tracia Rentsch  
605-220-6612  
[Tracia.rentsch@state.sd.us](mailto:Tracia.rentsch@state.sd.us)

**High School Graduation Requirements**  
(see page 3)

**Infinite Campus**  
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**Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)**  
<https://doe.sd.gov/JAG-sd/>  
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### **Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)**

<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/mtss.aspx>

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS)  
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- Response to Intervention (RtI)  
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### **National Board Certification**

<http://doe.sd.gov/nationalboard>

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### **National Career Readiness**

#### **Certificate (NCRC)**

[http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/nrcr/default.aspx](http://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/nrcr/default.aspx)

- Heather Nelson (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
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[Heather.nelson@state.sd.us](mailto:Heather.nelson@state.sd.us)
- Barb Unruh (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
605-773-5821  
[Barb.unruh@state.sd.us](mailto:Barb.unruh@state.sd.us)
- Caitlin Kemnitz (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)  
605-353-6678  
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### **Our Dakota Dreams (College prep, financial aid planning, scholarship listings)**

<https://ourdakotadreams.com>

### **Personnel Record Form (PRF)**

#### **Staffing Data**

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### **School-Based Mental Health**

#### **Providers**

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/>

Overview of School-Based Mental Health Providers in South Dakota:

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Overview.pdf>

- Community-Based, Clinical Mental Health Counselors & Social Workers Liaison  
Andrea Effling  
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- School Counseling Specialist  
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- School Psychologists Liaison  
Becky Cain  
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- School Social Workers Liaison  
Megan Tatum  
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### **School Counselor Professional**

#### **Development**

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### **SD Community Mental Health**

#### **Centers**

[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/cmhc_flyer.pdf)

SD Dept. of Social Services - Division of Behavioral Health  
605-367-5236  
855-878-6057

[dssdbh@state.sd.us](mailto:dssdbh@state.sd.us)

### **SD Counseling Association (SDCA)**

<https://sdcounseling.org>

Sadie Hanson (SDCA)  
[sdca.counseling@gmail.com](mailto:sdca.counseling@gmail.com)

### **SD School Counselor Association**

#### **(SDSCA)**

<https://sdschoolcounselors.com>

Char Soukup (SDSCA)  
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### **South Dakota Mapping Your Future**

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/>

Counselor Resources:

<https://southdakota.mappingyourfuture.org/featured.cfm?code=sd&featurePage=5>

### **South Dakota MyLife (SDMyLife)**

<https://sdmylife.com/>

- Megan Tatum  
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- Janeen Outka (Teachwell)  
605-216-4884  
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### **South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship**

<https://sdos.sdbor.edu>

- Kerri Richards (SD Board of Regents)  
605-773-3455  
[Kerri.richards@sdbor.edu](mailto:Kerri.richards@sdbor.edu)

### **South Dakota Center for Virtual Education**

[sdcve.k12.sd.us](http://sdcve.k12.sd.us)

Division of Learning & Instruction  
605-773-6400

[doesdvirtualeducation@state.sd.us](mailto:doesdvirtualeducation@state.sd.us)

### **Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services**

[https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud\\_flyer.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/BH/sud_flyer.pdf)

SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health  
605-367-5236  
855-878-6057

[dssdbh@state.sd.us](mailto:dssdbh@state.sd.us)

### **Suicide Prevention**

- <https://sdsuicideprevention.org>  
(Suicide Prevention Stats & Resources)
- <https://doe.sd.gov/suicideprevention>  
(Youth Suicide Awareness & Prevention Training for Educator Certification)

### **Telemental Health**

<https://doe.sd.gov/mentalhealth/documents/Telemental-Health.pdf>

- Becky Cain  
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- Providers Offering Telehealth Services:  
[https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency\\_county/telehealth\\_services.pdf](https://dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/agency_county/telehealth_services.pdf)  
SD Dept. of Social Services – Division of Behavioral Health  
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### **Waivers**

<https://doe.sd.gov/oatq/adminrulewaivers.aspx>

Accreditation Office

[doeaccred@state.sd.us](mailto:doeaccred@state.sd.us)

## **Work-Based Learning (WBL)** <http://doe.sd.gov/cte/wbl.aspx>

- WBL, Week of Work and Capstone Experiences  
*Kristin Larson*  
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- Apprenticeships  
[www.starttoday.sd.com](http://www.starttoday.sd.com)  
*Tara Bartekoske (SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation)*  
605-668-3199  
[Tara.bartekoske@state.sd.us](mailto:Tara.bartekoske@state.sd.us)
- Career Launch (includes SD Dept. of Labor & Regulation Career Advisors)  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce\\_services/individuals/career\\_launch/toolkit.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/career_launch/toolkit.aspx)  
Contact your regional career advisor for industry connections & work-based learning resources  
*Morgan Heuer (DLR Career Launch Coordinator)*  
605-295-7697  
[Morgan.heuer@state.sd.us](mailto:Morgan.heuer@state.sd.us)
- Week of Work  
<https://sdweekofwork.com>
- Youth Labor Laws  
[https://dlr.sd.gov/employment\\_laws/youth\\_employment.aspx](https://dlr.sd.gov/employment_laws/youth_employment.aspx)

## **High School Graduation Requirements** <https://doe.sd.gov/gradrequirements>

- 18 Compulsory School Age  
*Carol Uecker*  
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- 504 Plan  
605-773-3678  
See Regional Representative at:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Advanced Computer Science Replacing a Science Elective  
*Terri Mehlhaff*  
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- Advanced Endorsements
  - Advanced, Advanced Career & Advanced Honors Endorsements  
*Tracia Rentsch*  
605-220-6612  
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  - Listing Earned Advanced Endorsements on Transcripts  
See Student Data Collections Desk Guide:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/ofm/sims.aspx>  
*Teri Jung*  
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- Career & Technical Education (CTE) Courses Meeting Graduation Requirements  
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- Course Requirements to Graduate  
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- Course Codes  
<https://doe.sd.gov/contentstandards/commoncourse.aspx>
  - Technical Assistance with Infinite Campus  
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  - Core Content Course Alignment  
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  - Dual Credit  
*Tracia Rentsch*  
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- Course Content Standards
  - Career & Technical Education (CTE)  
See Career Cluster pages:  
[https://doe.sd.gov/cte/career\\_clusters.aspx](https://doe.sd.gov/cte/career_clusters.aspx)
  - English/Language Arts, World Language, Fine Arts  
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- End-of-Course Exam Waivers  
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- English Learners (EL)  
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- GED (High School Equivalency)  
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- Industry-Recognized Credentials  
<https://doe.sd.gov/cte/industry.aspx>  
*Kristin Larson*  
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- Alternative Instruction Notification (Home School)  
*Carol Uecker*  
605-773-4771  
[Carol.uecker@state.sd.us](mailto:Carol.uecker@state.sd.us)
- Special Education (SPED) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP)  
605-773-3678  
See Regional Representative at:  
<https://doe.sd.gov/sped/>
- Teacher/Educator Certification  
605-773-2490  
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