

Veterans Housing

Federal Funder: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Contract Initiative and Annual Amount:

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program Transition in Place (TIP) Grant – \$448,819

Work of the Program:

Provides scattered-site housing in community based apartments throughout the city and intensive case management for homeless veterans, helping them access VA benefits, and transition to permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

Outcomes:

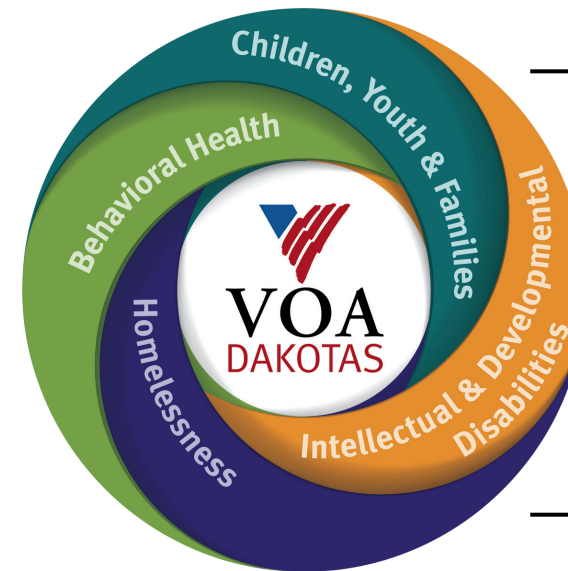


Goal = 75%

100% Placed in Permanent Housing (Target: 75%)

Alternative:

Without support, veterans face chronic homelessness, relapse, and incarceration.



A Trusted Federal Partner Delivering Measurable Impact

VOA Dakotas is called by the Gospel to guide people to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

Through state and federal partnerships, VOA Dakotas walks alongside those facing behavioral health challenges, housing instability, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and at-risk youth and families—delivering services with commitment to cost-effective, deliverable outcomes and sustainability.

Veterans Transitional Housing (Berakhah House)

Federal Funder: Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Network 23 Contracting Office

Contract Initiative and Annual Amount: Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program HCHV Program - \$394,200

Work of the Program:

Offers transitional housing and case management for homeless veterans in partnership with the Sioux Falls VA.

Federal ROI:

Meeting Department of Veteran Affairs goal of stability and self-sufficiency.

Alternative:

Without this support, veterans are at higher risk for ER visits, justice system involvement, substance use relapse, and long-term homelessness.

Outcomes:



47 Placed in Permanent Housing (Goal: 40)



271

Employees in vital direct-care, behavioral health, and administrative roles



\$10.8M+

in wages infused into Sioux Falls, SD, and surrounding communities



\$23.6M

Annual Revenue



60.85%

Federal Funding

\$14.3M

total federal funds managed with accountability and outcome measures
State, local, and philanthropic support help leverage federal investments

Federal funding helps prevent higher public costs like hospitalization, incarceration, and chronic homelessness.

ID/DD Services

Federal Funder: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – Medicaid

Contract Initiative and Annual Amount: CHOICES & Family Support 360 Waivers – Est. \$11,000,000 annually

Work of the Program:

Provides residential, vocational, and family support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Family Support 360 Wavier supports families with IDD Children in order to help keep them at home as long as appropriate.

Federal ROI:

These services are evidence-based and designed to maximize the impact of Medicaid dollars.

Alternative:

Without these services, individuals may require costly institutional care or face family separation.

Impact:

Providing consistent and stable housing while empowering individuals to live as independently as possible.

Policy Priorities for Federal Leaders

Services provided by VOA Dakotas offer a high-return on federal dollars, reducing future burdens on medical, justice, and public assistance systems.

We urge continued partnership and advocacy in supporting sustained funding for behavioral health, youth homelessness, and veterans services; stronger Medicaid reimbursement for community-based care for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities; meaningful investment in the direct service and mental health workforce; and expanded access to quality support systems for youth and families.

Together, we can ensure that vital services remain strong, responsive, and within reach for those who need them most.

Afterschool & Youth Enrichment

Federal Funder: U.S. Department of Education

Grant Initiative and Annual Amount: Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers – \$440,000

Work of the Program:

Provides after-school and summer programs in high-need schools, offering homework help, STEM and literacy activities, and character education. These programs create safe, structured environments that support academic achievement and healthy development.

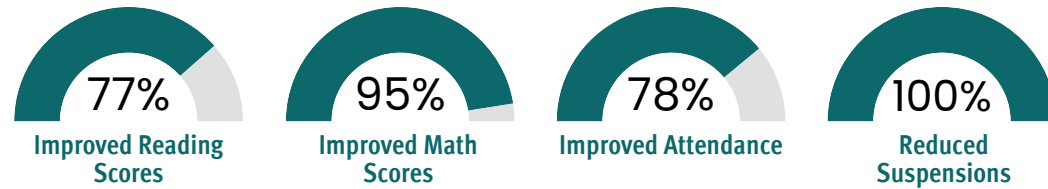
Federal ROI:

Helps close the academic achievement gap and reduces the risk of juvenile justice involvement.

Alternative:

Without these programs, youth are more likely to experience truancy, behavioral issues, and juvenile justice involvement, leading to far greater public costs.

Outcomes:



Transitional Living for Homeless Youth

Federal Funder: Health and Human Services – Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Grant Initiative and Annual Amount: Transitional Living Program – \$261,674

Work of the Program:

Provides shelter and supportive services for youth ages 16–21 who are homeless or at-risk. Services include case management, life skills, education and employment support, and aftercare to promote long-term stability.

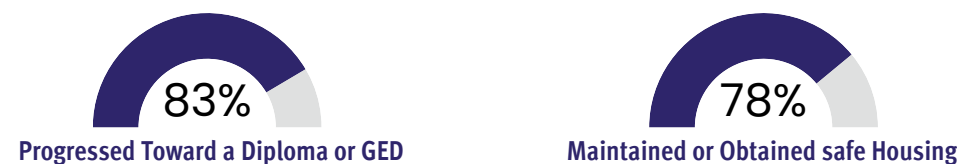
Federal ROI:

Prevents economic consequences related to chronic homelessness (financial, justice, and health issues).

Alternative:

Youth without support face a 346% higher risk of future homelessness, leading to far greater costs to tax payers and the government. Axis180 costs \$111/night vs. \$394/night for incarceration.

Outcomes:



Trauma Treatment for Youth

Federal Funder: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Grant Initiative and Annual Amount: Youth and Family Trauma Center– \$330,000

Work of the Program:

Offers trauma-informed therapy for children and adolescents ages 4–17 and their families. Services include individual counseling, family support, and evidence-based interventions to build resilience and emotional regulation.

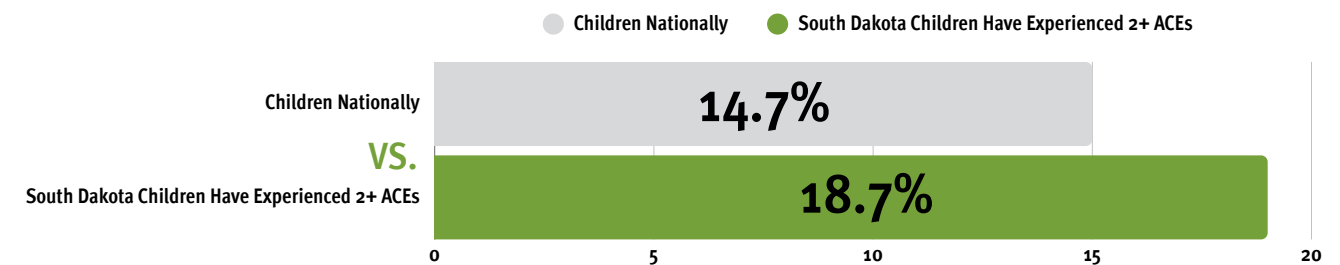
Federal ROI:

Every \$1 invested in trauma-informed care saves \$7 in future health, justice system, and education costs.

Alternative:

Without therapy, children are more likely to face long-term mental health issues, school failure, and justice system involvement, leading to far greater public costs.

Impact: Addresses South Dakota’s high rates of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



High rates of parental incarceration and substance use in the state contribute to trauma.

Pregnant and Parenting Women

Federal Funder: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Grant Initiative and Annual Amount: PPW Residential Treatment Program – \$451,350

Work of the Program:

Provides a safe, supportive residential setting for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders and their children. The program delivers integrated substance use treatment, parenting education, housing support, and wraparound services for both mothers and their children. This program has intergenerational impact.

Federal ROI: Family reunification, longterm recovery for mothers.

Alternative:

Without treatment, mothers may remain incarcerated or untreated, and children may enter foster care. This program supports family reunification and long-term recovery.

Impact:

South Dakota has one of the highest rates of substance use during pregnancy. In 2021, the state saw record-high drug and alcohol-related deaths, especially among American Indians.

