

# South Dakota Guidebook for Incarcerated Veterans



## **Introduction**

This guidebook is designed to help Veterans incarcerated in the state of South Dakota and their families. It can be used by those who want to access services that will support a better way of life. Some of the information in this guide is subject to change and may vary from state to state for certain benefit programs, so double check your local State Laws and Regulations.

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## **SECTION 1: USING THE GUIDE AND SEEKING HELP**

This guide is for you to use when planning for your release. It includes addresses, phone numbers, websites, and general information that can lead you towards programs that benefit Veterans. You may want to ask a friend, family member, case worker, advocate, etc. to help you find information if you don't have access to mail, phone, or internet. Keep in mind that this guide does not include all of the services available to you. What is available in one area may be different than what is available in another. Be sure to check your local resources to find out about help in your area.

While you are incarcerated, make sure you communicate with your unit case manager about your release planning. Classes may be offered so you can work on skills development and prepare for life after release. You don't want to be released without a plan, so take advantage of the opportunities available to you.

Begin thinking about what specifically you will need upon release. Ask yourself these kinds of questions: Will I need housing? Will I need medical, substance abuse, or mental health care? Do I need to learn a job skill? Do I have any legal issues, such as child support? How do I restart my VA checks or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

**STEP 1:** Make a list of your needs. This can be used as a tool to help you get organized. A sample list might look like this:

<b>NEEDS:</b>	<b>Steps Taken</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Date</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a place to live.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I need a job.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I need clothing to wear to work.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I need to find out what benefits I can get as a Veteran.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I want to get addictions treatment.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I owe child support.			

Think about your list as you read through this guide. Who do you think can help you with each of your needs? Is there one organization that may be able to work with you on many different things, or do you need to contact several agencies?

**STEP 2:** When writing a letter to request information, be clear. Keep your letter short, to the point, and write legibly. Include the following information:

- Your name and contact information.
- A brief statement about your current situation.
- Your specific request.
- What you have done so far (example: I have written to \_\_\_x\_\_\_ organization and they suggested I contact you).
- Any restrictions for mailing (example: Mail with staples or paper clips will not be accepted by my prison facility).

### **Tips for Contacting Resources:**

- When contacting an agency, be persistent and polite to get results. It is not unusual to have to contact/follow up with an agency more than once to get your answer.
- Ask questions if information is unclear to you. Many organizations are staffed by volunteers who are eager to help, but may not have the answer to your question. If someone cannot help you, ask who else might know the answer.
- The internet can be helpful to find information about VA benefits and community resources in your area. This guidebook includes web addresses, when available. If computer access is not available at your facility, you can visit the public library after release. Computer access may also be provided at Work Source and Work Source Affiliate sites, Work Force Development Council member locations, and Unemployment Security Department offices (referred to as Job Service Centers or Unemployment Offices)

## **SECTION 2: BASIC NEEDS UPON RELEASE**

This section includes information that can help you explore your options as they relate to your most basic needs. Remember to check locally for what services are in the area to help you.

Some organizations may have waiting lists, require an interview, or have specific rules about whom they serve. *It's best if you start asking about services and requirements now, so that you will be prepared when you are released.* You may even ask if your name can be put on a waiting list when you get closer to your release date.

Crisis and other toll-free numbers are often listed in the front cover of the first few pages of the phone book. You may also want to check under specific county "Social Services" in the blue or yellow pages for hotlines and local numbers.

### **Where to Start**

Check the local phone book yellow pages under "Homeless" or "Social Service Organizations" for a list of many local organizations that offer different services which may include emergency shelter, motel vouchers, clothing, urgent care medical services, and more. You may need to contact several agencies to find all the services you need. Services provided by government agencies are listed in the blue pages in the phone book, and will be organized by federal, state, county, and city. Included below are some guidelines for services, but your local agencies are your best resource. Remember, it never hurts to ask!

Here are some National Help Lines if you are unsure as to who to contact:

- Focus on Recovery Helpline: (800)888-9383
- National Aids Hotline: (800)822-7422
- National Hotline for Homeless Veterans: (877)4AID-VET (424-3838)
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans: (800)838-4357
- National Veterans Crisis Line: (800)273-TALK (8255)- press 1

### **Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans Program**

The **Health Care for Re-entry Veterans (HCRV) Program** is designed to address the community re-entry needs of incarcerated Veterans. HCRV services include:

1. Outreach and pre-release assessments services for Veterans in prison.
2. Assistance in identifying eligibility for VA benefits, such as healthcare.
3. Referrals and linkages to medical, psychiatric, and social services, including employment services upon release.
4. Short term case management assistance upon release.

While you are incarcerated, you will receive healthcare services through the Department of

Corrections. VHA may not provide medical services while you are incarcerated, but care can be accessed quickly upon release depending on your needs. The Healthcare for Re-Entry Veterans (HCRV) Specialist is able to assist you in accessing those needed services at your local VHA facility. An HCRV Specialist is able to begin working with you prior to your release and can be a helpful ally in putting together a stable release plan. You can contact the HCRV Specialist by mail or through your facility unit case manager. You may also locate information on HCRV services on the **Health Care for Reentry Veterans Homepage**: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/page.cfm?pg=38>

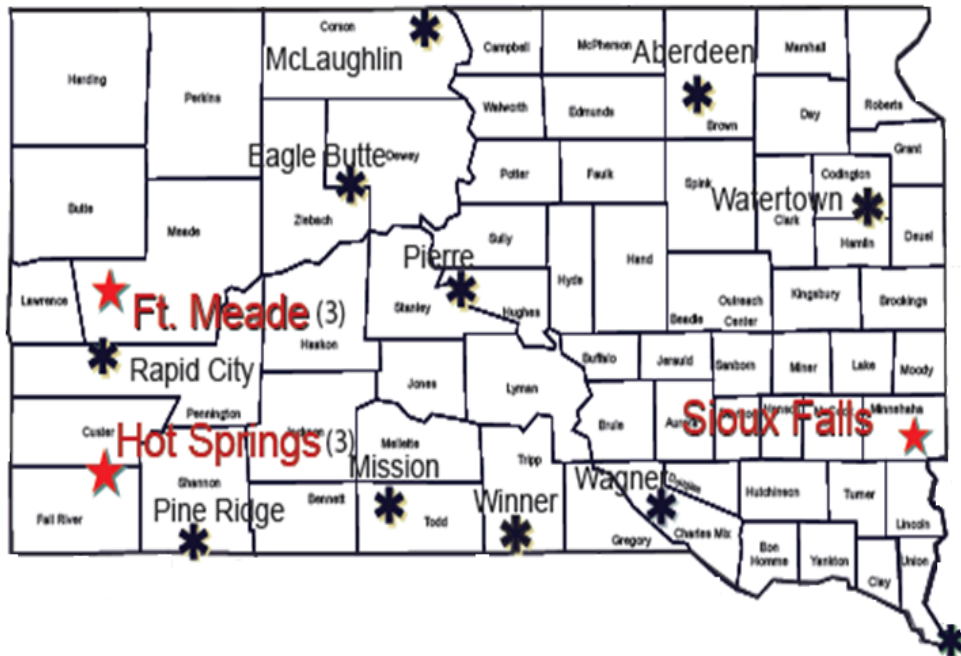
### Health Care for Homeless Veterans

Every VA Medical Center has a **Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)** program that is responsible for helping homeless Veterans access VA and community-based care to end homelessness among Veterans. The HCHV provides outreach, clinical assessments, and referrals for medical and mental health care, long-term transitional residential assistance, case management, and employment assistance with linkage to permanent housing. An HCHV staff person can be reached by calling the contact number listed for each VA facility. Additional information can be found on the HCHV website at; <http://www.va.gov/homeless/hchv.asp>.

### VA Facilities

Attached is a map of South Dakota counties and the locations of VA Health Care System Medical Centers and Community Based Outreach Clinics (CBOC).

## South Dakota Veteran's Health Care System



**Ft Meade Medical Center**

113 Comanche Road  
Fort Meade, SD 57741  
Phone: 605-347-2511

**Hot Springs Medical Center**

500 North 5th Street  
Hot Springs, SD 57747  
Phone: 605-745-2000

**Sioux Falls Medical Center**

2501 W. 22nd Street, PO Box 5046  
Sioux Falls, SD. 57710  
Phone: 605-336-3230

**Black Hills Health Care System  
CBOC locations**

Rapid City, South Dakota  
VA Outpatient Clinic  
3525 5th Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
Phone: (605) 718-1095

Pierre, South Dakota  
Linn Medical Clinic (contract)  
1601 N Harrison Ste 6  
Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: (605) 945-1710

Winner, South Dakota  
Avera Winner Medical Clinic (contract)  
1436 E 10th Street  
Winner, SD 57580  
Phone: (605) 842-2443

Eagle Butte, Isabel and Faith, South Dakota  
Prairie Community Health (contract)  
8000 Hwy 212  
PO Box 860  
Eagle Butte, SD 57625-0860  
Phone (Eagle Butte) (605) 964-8000  
Phone (Isabel): (605) 466-2120  
Phone (Faith): (605) 967-88002644

Pine Ridge, South Dakota  
VA Wellness Center  
PTSD Building next to IHS Hospital  
Pine Ridge, SD 57770

**Sioux Falls Health Care System  
CBOC locations**

Aberdeen, South Dakota  
VA Outpatient Clinic  
2301 8th Street Suite 225  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
Ph: 605-229-3500

Watertown, South Dakota  
VA Outpatient Clinic  
917 - 29th St SE  
Watertown, SD 57201  
Ph: 605-884-2420

Wagner, South Dakota  
Wagner Outpatient Clinic  
400 W. Hwy 46  
Wagner, SD 57380  
Phone: (605) 384-2340

Sioux City, Iowa  
VA Outpatient Clinic  
1551 Indian Hills Drive, Suite 206  
Sioux City, IA. 51104  
Phone: 712-258-4700



Phone: (605) 867-2393 ext. 4033  
Fax: (605) 745-2097

Rosebud / Mission South Dakota  
VA Wellness Center  
153 Main Street  
Mission, SD 57555  
Phone: (605) 856-2295

McLaughlin, South Dakota  
Veterans Industries - VA Compensated Work Therapy Program  
Sales Barn Road  
McLaughlin, SD 57642-0519  
Phone: (605) 823-4574

*The contact information for any VA affiliate can be found by writing, calling, or searching the website of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs. [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).*

The State of South Dakota Division of Veterans Affairs provides assistance with Veterans' benefits and entitlements information, VA claims process, representation and advocacy, Veterans' Homes for those in need of nursing care and employment assistant through federally funded reintegration projects.

*South Dakota Division of Veteran Affairs  
2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117  
605-333-6869*

### **Housing**

It is important to know that you have a place to go when released. The section includes way to locate emergency shelter, transitional programs, and permanent housing assistance. Transitional or temporary housing can serve as a step towards full independence upon your release. However, there are often waiting lists for housing assistance programs, so you should ask about applying as soon as possible. If you are released, and find yourself homeless, emergency assistant is available.

*Union Gospel Mission  
828 N Weber Street  
Sioux Falls, SD  
(605)-334-6732*

*St. Francis House  
1301 E Austin Street  
Sioux Falls, SD  
(605)-338-6649*

*Corner Stone Rescue Mission  
30 Main Street  
Rapid City, SD  
(605)-341-2741*

*National Coalition for the Homeless  
2201 P Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20037  
(202)462-4822*

The consortium includes agencies and organizations from across the state, and includes representatives from emergency shelters and various housing programs. Refer to the agency below for local shelters or agencies in the area of South Dakota in which you will be released, that way you have a plan in the event of an emergency situation.

*South Dakota Homeless Consortium  
P.O. Box 1237  
3060 E. Elizabeth Street  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605)773-3181  
<http://www.sdhda.org/>*

If you will not be staying in South Dakota, refer to the agency below for a national listing of homeless shelters and agencies.

*US Department of Housing and Urban Development  
451 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20410  
(202)708-1112  
<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD>*

You can always contact the Health Care for Homeless Veterans service provider at any VA Medical Center or the Health Care for Re-entry Veterans Specialist (HCRV) to find out if there are homeless Veteran service providers in your area.

### **Long-Term and Permanent Housing**

Public housing waiting lists can be long, and the length of time varies from community to community. Even if you are not sure where you will be living, apply for housing to get your name on the waiting lists. This will give you as many housing options as possible. To learn how to apply, contact the local housing authority listed in your phone book's

blue pages. Look for city and county listings under “housing” or “public housing”. They will usually have various programs at each office. For South Dakota, contact the following:

***Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission***

***630 S. Minnesota Ave.***

***Sioux Falls, SD 57104***

***(605)332-0704***

***<http://www.siouxfallshousing.org/>***

***Homes are Possible***

***318 S. Main***

***Aberdeen, SD 57401***

***(605)225-4274***

***<http://www.homesarepossible.org/>***

***Planning and Development District III***

***P.O. Box 687***

***Yankton, SD 57078***

***(605)665-4408***

***<http://www.districtiii.org/district/contact.php>***

***Pennington County Housing***

***1805 W Fulton Street, #101***

***Rapid City, SD 57702***

***(605)394-5350***

***[www.pchrc.com](http://www.pchrc.com)***

**Finding and Keeping a Job**

Finding a job can be difficult, and may seem overwhelming, but it is possible and very important. When released, you may find that you are starting over. You should ask your corrections case manager about job counseling and training while you are incarcerated so you are prepared to work when released. Don't wait to get started about thinking what you will do. *Start planning now.*

**Veterans Employment and Training Services** through the US Department of Labor assist with employment discrimination problems, Veterans preference issues, and oversee SD Job Service Veterans programs.

***US Department of Labor***

***Frances Perkins Building 200***

***Constitution Ave., NW,***

***Washington, DC 20210***

***(877)US-2JOBS***

***<http://www.doleta.gov/>***

The Department of Labor (DOL) has a website listing SD offices that offer information on unemployment benefits, links to disability employment directory of state liaisons, and more.

**South Dakota Department of Labor**  
**700 Governors Drive**  
**Pierre, SD 57501**  
**(605)773-3101**  
<http://www.sdjobs.org/>

**Sioux Falls Office**  
**811 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Sioux Falls, SD**  
**(605)367-5444**

**Rapid City Office**  
**111 New York Street**  
**Rapid City, SD 57701-1832**  
**Phone: 605.394.2296**  
**Fax: 605.394.1824**

*\*There are many other locations across the state. Visit <http://www.sdjobs.org/> or call the office in Pierre for other South Dakota Locations. After establishing contact, ask for the Veteran Representative in your local office.*

The VA's **Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment** services help Veterans with service-connected disabilities by providing job training and counseling to those who have an employment handicap. Services include assistance finding a job, on-the-job training, job development, and vocational training. If you are not eligible for these services, a VA counselor may help you find other options, goals, or programs. Contact the VA Regional Office to find the contact information for these services South Dakota.

Through its **Veterans Industries and Compensated Work Therapy (CWT)** programs, the VA offers structured work opportunities in a therapeutic setting for at-risk and homeless Veterans with physical, mental health, and addiction problems. The VA contracts with private industry and the public sector for work by these Veterans, who learn job skills, re-learn successful work habits, and regain a sense of self esteem.

Fort Meade Campus  
(605)347-2511  
<http://www.blackhills.va.gov/>

Hot Springs Campus  
(605)745-2000  
<http://www.blackhills.va.gov/>

Sioux Falls  
(605)336-3230 ext. 6890  
<http://www.siuouxfalls.va.gov/>

The state of South Dakota has a Vocational Rehabilitation program that helps people with disabilities find and keep jobs. Apply for these jobs immediately after your release through your County Social Service office. Also contact your local Job Service office for information or search the internet for “Vocational Rehabilitation” in your state.

**Other Job Resources for South Dakota**

***Volunteers of America, Dakotas***

***Bollinger Center***

*1309 W. 51<sup>st</sup> St.*

*Sioux Falls, SD 57105*

***(605)339-1199***

***Dislocated worker program, Employability III employment program***

***South Dakota One-Stop Career Center- Sioux Falls***

*811 E. 10<sup>th</sup> St.*

*Sioux Falls, SD 57103*

***(605)367-5300***

***South Dakota One-Stop Career Center- Madison***

*120 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St.*

*Madison, SD 57042*

***(605)256-5300***

***US Department of Labor Veteran’s Employment and Training Services***

*420 Roosevelt*

*Aberdeen, SD 57401*

***(605)626-2325***

***South Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation***

*Time Square Plaza*

*New York St.*

*Rapid City, SD 57701*

***(800)439-8861***

### **SECTION 3: HELPING VETERANS MOVE FORWARD**

If eligible for Veterans benefits:

We encourage you to enroll in the VA Health Benefits System as soon as you are released. Every VA Medical Center has an Eligibility department that assists Veterans with enrollment for health care. Contact the Eligibility department at the VA Medical Center in your area regarding health care benefits.

Also, every VA Medical Center has a Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator who helps Veterans and their families find resources both within and outside the VA Health Care system. Contact your nearest VA and ask to speak with the Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator for more information. You may also contact the HCRV Specialist to find the contact information for this person in your area of South Dakota.

**If not eligible for Veteran's benefits, free or low-cost health care may be available from the following sources:**

Contact your County Social Service office for information about accessing medical care. Also check the blue pages under county government for the phone number.

National Health Care for the Homeless Council has a list of health care providers working with homeless people across the country.

*National Health Care For the Homeless Council*

*P.O. Box 60427*

*Nashville, TN 37206*

*(615)22602292*

<http://www.nhchc.org/contact/>

Free clinics are available in many communities. You can access them by contacting your County Social Service or Public Health office.

*Community Health Centers in South Dakota:*

<p><b>Huron:</b> 1110 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW Huron SD 57350 605-353-7135</p>	<p><b>Deadwood:</b> Pluma School 9 Kirk Road PO Box 604 Deadwood SD 57732 605-578-2660</p>
<p><b>Aberdeen:</b> 402 S. Main Aberdeen, SD 57401 605-626-2649</p>	<p><b>Brookings:</b> 1310 Main Ave. S. Suite 105 Brookings, SD 57006 605-688-5802</p>
<p><b>Chamberlain:</b> 110 W. Beebe Suite 1 Chamberlain, SD 57325 605-734-0180</p>	<p><b>Spearfish:</b> 930 N. 10<sup>th</sup> St. Spearfish SD 57783 605-642-6915</p>
<p><b>Belle Fourche:</b> 2398 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Suite 102 Belle Fourche SD 57717 605-892-2523</p>	<p><b>Canton:</b> 104 N. Main Suite 140 Canton SD 57013 605-987-4138</p>
<p><b>Lake Andes:</b> 400 Main St. PO Box 220 Lake Andes, SD 57356 605-487-7094</p>	<p><b>Kennebec:</b> Lyman County Courthouse 300 S. Main PO Box 236 Kennebec, SD 57544 605-869-2217</p>
<p><b>Sturgis:</b> 1029 5<sup>th</sup> St. Sturgis SD 57785 605-347-5650</p>	<p><b>Vermillion:</b> Clay County Courthouse 211 W. Main St. Suite 100 Vermillion SD 57069 605-677-6767</p>
<p><b>Sioux Falls:</b> 1200 N. West Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104 605-367-5360</p>	<p><b>Custer:</b> Custer County Courthouse Annex 447 Crook St. Suite 2 Custer SD 57730 605-673-2847</p>
<p><b>Rapid City:</b> 909 E. St. Patrick St. Suite 7 Rapid City, SD 57701 605-394-2516</p>	<p><b>Webster:</b> Day County Courthouse 711 W. First Suite 102 Webster, SD 57274 605-345-3882</p>
<p><b>Yankton:</b> Yankton County Government Center 321 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. PO Box 844 Yankton, SD 57078 605-260-4400, Option 1</p>	<p><b>Pierre:</b> 740 E. Sioux Suite 107 Pierre SD 57501 605-773-3638</p>

For a more complete listing, visit: <http://doh.sd.gov/LocalOffices/CHS.aspx>

## **Special Health Information for Veterans**

If you think you may be at risk for AIDS and HIV infection after your release, contact the nearest VA Medical Center to get tested, and seek counseling.

Those at highest risk for AIDS and HIV infections are:

- People who share needles to inject drugs or steroids.
- Men who have sex with other men.
- Those born to mothers who have HIV.
- People who received blood transfusions before 1985.
- Anyone who has sex with anyone who is at risk for HIV or AIDS.

Veterans, homeless, and incarcerated people are at risk for Hepatitis C (HCV), a serious disease that can cause cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer. If you think you are at risk after your release, contact the nearest VA Medical Center to get tested and seek HCV counseling.

You are at risk if:

- You ever used a needle to inject drugs.
- You had a blood transfusion or organ transplant before 1992.
- You were a health care worker and had contact with blood.
- You were on long-term kidney dialysis.
- Your mother had Hepatitis C when she gave birth to you.

The Veterans Health Administration also recommends testing if:

- You are a Vietnam-era Veteran.
- You have had exposure to blood on your skin.
- You have had multiple sex partners.
- You have tattoos or body piercing.
- You have ever snorted cocaine.
- You have liver disease.
- You have a history of drinking a lot of alcohol.
- You have had an abnormal liver function test.

## **Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment**

### **Mental Health Services:**

Sioux Falls: The Sioux Falls VA offers a variety of outpatient groups and one on one counseling. Walk in groups are offered on numerous topics such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD. Psychiatry services for medication management is also available by appointment. For more information call (605)333-6890.



*Black Hills:* The Black Hills VA also offers a variety of outpatient groups and one on one counseling for various topics such as anxiety, depression, and PTSD. They also have an inpatient PTSD program. Psychiatry services for medication management is also available by appointment. For more information, call (605)745-2000.

***Addiction Treatment Program:***

*Sioux Falls:* The Addiction Treatment Program is an intensive outpatient substance abuse program which consists of three levels. Level one is intensive outpatient which involves individual and group therapy sessions Monday-Friday which run all day. Level two is part time outpatient which consists of groups and individual sessions meeting three days a week for three hours. Level three is relapse prevention and consists of outpatient groups which Veterans can come to as needed. For more information contact Dennis Barnes, MS at 605-333-6890 or 1-800-316-8387, Ext. 6890/6631.

*Black Hills:* There are three different substance abuse programs offered through the Black Hills VA: 24-hour care (residential), intensive outpatient, and standard outpatient. If you would like more information on substance abuse programs offered in the Black Hills, call 1-800-764-5370, Ext. 2971.

- 24-Hour Care (Residential)-provide 24-hour, live-in, substance abuse care using VA funded beds dedicated to the program to house Veteran patients participating in the program. There is a facility in Hot Springs, SD called the Substance Abuse Domiciliary Program which offers this level of treatment.
- Intensive Outpatient- this program includes day-treatment, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient clinic-based programs that provide at least 3 hours of services per patient per day for at least 3 days per week.
- Standard Outpatient- this program provides less intensive ambulatory addiction treatment services than the Intensive Outpatient program. It offerings programming less than 3 hours of services per patient per day or less than 3 days per week of substance abuse services.

If not eligible for Veterans benefits, the following sources may be able to help you accessing various resources:

Contact your County Social Service office for assistance accessing treatment and counseling services. Or information can be obtained through the Department of Health and Human Services.

***South Dakota Department of Health and Human Services  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605) 773-3165***

***You can contact them by email by visiting: <http://doh.sd.gov/contact/>***

Some communities will have other programs to address these needs. Look under mental health services in the yellow pages for a listing in your area. Some communities also

offer 211 Help! Line which lists services and programs. Simply dial 211 from any phone to be connected to the Help! Line call center nearest your location.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) lists community mental health services and providers.

***National Alliance for the Mentally Ill***  
***3803 N. Fairfax Drive***  
***Suite 100***  
***Arlington, VA 22203***  
***(703)524-7600***  
**<http://www.nami.org/>**

***NAMI Sioux Falls***  
***(605)610-7226***

***NAMI Rapid City***  
***(605)343-1366***

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare offers support groups, rehabilitation, socialization, and housing services through community organizations and community mental health centers located across the state.

***National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare***  
***1707 K Street NW,***  
***Suite 400***  
***Washington, DC 20006***  
***(202)684-7457***  
**<http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/home.>**

Or you may visit the SD Dept of Social Services website for a complete list of S.D. Community Behavioral Health Centers and the counties in which they provide services.  
**<http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealthservices/community/centers.asp>**

## **Financial Help**

If you are unemployed with little or no income, you may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). You can also contact financial workers at your local County Social Service office, listed in the blue pages of the phone book.

***Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)***  
***Phone: 605-773-3493 or 1-877-999-5612***  
***Fax: 605-773-7183***  
***Email: [SNAP@state.sd.us](mailto:SNAP@state.sd.us)***  
**<http://dss.sd.gov/snap/index.asp>**

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits can be applied for before your release, although you won't receive benefits until after you are released. SNAP benefits can be applied for with SSI. It usually takes about three months to review your application, so apply well before your release date. It is best to get help filling out the application. Applications can be found on-line at the SNAP website or by calling to request one by mail.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a program called Emergency Food and Shelter Program to help prevent homelessness. These programs are accessed through local agencies. Contact your local county human services office for locations nearest your area.

### **Legal Help**

Most law is specific to the state in which you live. Most common legal problems are governed by where you live or where the problem occurred. When seeking legal help, make sure you get information that applies to your state, or that the lawyer or other service provider is qualified to work in your state.

Legal Services or Legal Aid Offices have staff lawyers and paralegals to provide free legal help to clients who have low or no incomes. The lawyers are usually experts in the types of problems low or no income clients often encounter. Look in the yellow or white pages for your local Legal Aid or Assistance office for South Dakota:

***East River Legal Services***  
***335 N. Main Ave.***  
***Suite 308***  
***Sioux Falls, SD 57104***  
***(605)336-9230***  
***<http://www.erls.org/>***

***Access to Justice, Inc.***  
***816 6<sup>th</sup> Street***  
***PO Box 495***  
***Rapid City, SD 57709***  
***(605)791-4147***  
***<http://a2j.sd.org/>***

The American Bar Association has a website with guidelines about free legal services and link to directories of legal aid offices and pro-bono programs.

**American Bar Association**  
**(800)285-2221**  
**<http://www.americanbar.org/aba.html>**

## **Women Veterans**

At each VA Medical Center nationwide, a Women Veterans Program Manager is designated to advise and advocate for women Veterans. She can help coordinate all the services you may need, from primary care to specialized care for chronic conditions or reproductive health. **Woman Veterans who are interested in receiving care at VA should contact the nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.**

Women Veterans hotline—1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)—an incoming call center that receives and responds to questions from women Veterans, their families, and caregivers across the nation about available VA services and resources. Most VA Medical Centers and readjustment offices have a designated Women Veterans Coordinator to assist with accessing VA benefits and healthcare programs. .

## **SECTION 4: SEEKING FEDERAL BENEFITS**

The Department of Veterans Affairs publishes a booklet called “Federal Benefits for Veterans and Their Dependents” that describes the types of benefits available and lists the addresses and phone numbers for VA facilities nationwide. Write the South Dakota VA Regional Office (VARO) to request a copy.

**US Dept of Veteran Affairs  
Regional Office  
2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117**

You may call 1-800-827-1000 to request a book or you may find information about benefits at [www.vba.va.gov/](http://www.vba.va.gov/).

Below are brief descriptions of forms needed to file for certain VA benefits. Be sure you use a return address where mail will get to you as quickly as possible. *Make photocopies of all forms for your records before sending your packet to the VARO nearest you.*

- VA Form 21-526 - Application for Compensation or Pension- must be filed to apply for compensation or pension. Mail your DD-214 and the following forms to the VARO nearest your release destination 30 to 45 days before your release.
- VA Form 21-4138 - Statement in Support of Claim - lets you explain why you deserve the benefits you are asking for because of your disability or disorder. It is best to have an experienced service representative help you complete the form.
- VA Form 21-4142 - Authorization for Release of Information - If you have received medical or mental health care, that may be relevant to your claim, from anyone other than a VA Medical Facility, you need to fill out a VAF 21-4142 giving permission for release of medical records to the VA.
- VA Form 10-10EZ - Enrollment for Medical Benefits - is used by the VA to determine if you can receive medical benefits. Complete the form and bring it with you to the VA medical facility where you will seek evaluation for treatment.
- VA Form 28-1900 - Vocational Rehabilitation for Disabled Veterans - is needed to apply for the vocational rehabilitation program to help Veterans who were disabled during their service reach maximum independence in daily living, to learn the skills needed to get a job, and to find and keep a job. Send Form 28-1900 to the VARO in your area 10 to 15 days before your release.
- VA Form 70-3288 - Request for and Consent to Release of Information from Claimant's Records – is used to get records relevant to your claim from VA facilities (regional offices, medical centers, outpatient clinics, and vet centers). Request a fee waiver under section 38 C.F.R. Sec.1.526 (h), which requires the VARO to provide a Veteran with one set of his or her records free of charge.

### **Eligibility for VA Benefits During Incarceration:**

Veterans incarcerated and incarcerated dependents may apply for the same compensation - dependency and indemnity compensation (DIC) - service connected death benefits - and pension benefits as Veterans who are not incarcerated. However, Congress restricts the amount of benefits that may be paid to a Veteran or dependent while he or she is incarcerated. These benefits are institutionalized as part of law: 38 U.S.C. Sec. 5313 (a), 38 C.F.R., Sec. 3.665 (a), (d), which reads as follows:

*If a Veteran is incarcerated as the result of a “felony” conviction as defined by law: “Any offense punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, unless specifically categorized as a misdemeanor under the law of the prosecuting jurisdiction.”*

*Then, the amount paid to a Veteran incarcerated for a service-connected disability is generally limited by law to the 10 percent disability rate, or half the amount of the ten percent rate if the Veteran’s disability rating is 10 percent. (If the Veteran is rated before incarceration as 20 percent disabled or higher, he will receive only the amount payable to a 10 percent disabled Veteran). Incarcerated DIC recipients will receive one-half the amount paid to a Veteran receiving compensation payments for a 10 percent-rated disability.*

*A Veteran may not receive non-service connected VA pension benefits, or any portion of these benefits, while incarcerated for a felony or misdemeanor. However, his family may receive an apportionment of such benefits under the procedure described above. (See 38 C.F.R. Sec. 3.666).*

One important requirement for eligibility for VA benefits is that the Veteran has to have been issued either an honorable or general discharge, or would have received one if not for re-enlisting. If a Veteran had two periods of service, one honorable and the other less than honorable, he may still be eligible for VA benefits based on the honorable period of service.

***VA Medical Care cannot be provided to incarcerated Veterans, but VA health care facilities may provide care to you after your release.***

### **Benefits Payments While Incarcerated:**

There is a 60-day "grace period" following a felony conviction when you may still receive full benefits. To avoid an overpayment, it is important that you notify the VARO immediately when you go to prison if you are receiving payments. If you do not notify the VA and receive overpayment, you and your family may lose all financial payments until the debt is paid.

*For example, Joe is a Veteran who receives a VA pension. He commits a crime, is convicted, and is incarcerated, but doesn't tell the VA right away and keeps getting paid*

*for 6 months. After serving his sentence of 18 months, he is released and applies to the VA to have his pension restarted. He will have an overpayment which must be recovered from the restarted benefits. Until the overpayment is recovered, Joe will have to go without that income.*

Your award for compensation or pension benefits should resume from the date you are released, as long as the VA receives notice of release within one year. Form 21-4193, Notice to Department of Veterans Affairs of Veteran or Beneficiary Incarcerated in Penal Institution, available through your counselors should be completed before release, signed by a prison official and submitted to VA Benefits Administration.

### **Family Benefits-Apportionment:**

Although legally, the Veteran can only receive a portion of the full amount payable for his or her disability rating, the remaining balance may be “apportioned to the individual’s dependent family”. To apply for apportionment, the Veteran's dependent must send a letter that identifies the Veteran and makes it clear they are requesting an apportionment of his VA benefits to the VA Regional Office (VARO) that has jurisdiction over the Veteran’s case. VA regulations clearly specify this apportionment amount will only go to family members if they can show financial need for such amount. This applies to the spouse, children, or dependent parents who are involved in the application.

In deciding whether any apportionment is appropriate, the amount of the apportionment, and to whom it will go, the following factors are considered:

- The family member’s income and living expenses;
- The amount of compensation available to be apportioned;
- The needs and living expenses of other family members; and
- Special needs of any of the family members.

*For example: a Veteran incarcerated rated as 80 percent disability can only receive the amount he or she would get if he or she were 10 percent disabled. However, his or her family may be apportioned up to 70 percent, the difference of the 80 percent rating. (DIC may also be apportioned with similar restrictions).*

There is a 60-day “grace period” following incarceration on a felony conviction where the Veteran, or Dependency or Indemnity Compensation (DIC) recipient, may still receive full benefits. If the Veteran continues to receive benefits after the 60-day period, it will result in an “overpayment”. The VA considers it to be the recipient’s responsibility and fault if this occurs because the recipient failed to notify the VA of his or her incarceration. Attempts to obtain a waiver in these situations of overpayment are often unsuccessful. As a rule, the Veteran loses most, if not all, financial benefits until the VA recovers the entire overpayment. It has also been a standard procedure that the family will not be entitled to receive an apportionment until the debt is completely recovered.

One other relevant restriction on Veteran's incarcerated eligibility for service connected disability compensation is that: "No total disability rating based on un-employability, may be assigned to an incarcerated Veteran".

It is important to remember that most VA decisions, including those on apportionment, can be appealed to the Board of Veterans Appeals and, if need be, to the Court of Appeal for Veterans Affairs.

For more information concerning VA debt collection rules that may affect the veteran incarcerated, telephone: 1-800-827-1000 and request a Veterans Service Organization representative or, write to a Veterans Service Organization.

### **Overpayment**

If you have incurred an overpayment, repayment plans are set by the VA Debt Management Center (DMC). The business hours for Debt Management Center are 7:30 am to 12:15 pm and 12:45 pm to 6:00 pm, Central Time. Mondays and the first business day of the month are always the busiest. The best times to call on those days are 10:30 am to 12:15 pm and 1:15 pm to 3:00 pm, Central Time. You can contact the DMC in the following ways:

- The VA Debt Management Center (DMC) Internet homepage is found at <http://www.va.gov/debtman/>
- Call the Debt Management Center toll free on 1-800-827-0648, or
- Contact the Debt Management Center by electronic mail at: [dmc.ops@va.gov](mailto:dmc.ops@va.gov)
- Write the Debt Management Center at:

*U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Debt Management Center  
P.O. Box 11930  
St. Paul, MN 55111*

### **Re-starting Benefits at Release:**

It is important that each disabled Veteran receiving compensation or DIC payments promptly notify the VARO upon release. Regular full benefit payments should begin upon release, providing the VA is notified of the Veteran's release, including placement within a community treatment center, work release or halfway house in the community, within one year of release. VARO needs formal notification from the prison of your release in order to re-start benefits: The sooner that document is provided to VARO, the sooner VARO can begin to process your request.

### **Help Seeking Benefits After Release:**

If you would like to get benefits or think you have a pending claim before the VA, it is best to get professional help to assist you. Veterans Service Officers (VSOs) are trained



staff who can help you with your VA claim, and can legally represent your claim before the VA.

Every county has a local County Veteran Service Officer who can help with discharge upgrades, seeking VA benefits, and filing a VA claim. Please see the state listing attached or contact the SD Division of Veterans Affairs at:

*Military and Veterans Affairs  
425 E Capital Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501  
(605)773-3269*

**Seeking Benefits On Your Own:**

Although we encourage you to seek the aid of a service representative, you may choose to apply for VA benefits on your own. Write your local VA Regional Office or find the forms online at: [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms1.htm).

*South Dakota VA Regional Office  
2501 W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Sioux Falls, SD 57117.*

You can also apply for certain benefits on line at:  
<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>.

## **SECTION 6: CHECKLIST**

### Using this Guide:

- Ask about classes or resources to help you plan for your release.
- Make a list of your needs.
- Make a list of who may be able to help you.
- Write letters and/or contact organizations by phone or e-mail.
- Write down the steps you take so that you do not repeat them.

### Just for Veterans:

- Know where to call for toll-free help.
- Contact organizations about what services they have to offer.
- Think about your housing needs and gather information about what is available locally.
- Learn about job resources and create a plan to find a job.
- Learn about health issues, and what services are available.
- Learn about the resources available for substance abuse and mental health treatment in your area.
- Learn about your options to get financial help.
- Begin to take care of other legal issues.
- Learn about homeless Veteran services.
- Learn about resources for women Veterans.
- If you are not currently receiving benefits, find out if you can or should be.
- If you are receiving benefits, notify the VA when you are incarcerated to avoid an overpayment.
- Contact a Veteran service representative to represent you and help you file a claim.
- Apply for an apportionment so that some of the money withheld may be given to eligible family members.

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## APPENDIX A: SD COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES OFFICES

### List of Veteran Service Officers by County in South Dakota:

<b>AURORA</b> (also Brule and Jerauld) 12:30 - 4:30 Monday 8:00 - 4:30 Tuesday	<b>Ron Falor</b> 401 N Main Street, PO Box 397 Plankinton, SD 57368 OFFICE: 942.7150 FAX: 942.7746 <a href="mailto:vso10aurora@goldenwest.net">vso10aurora@goldenwest.net</a>
<b>BEADLE</b> (also Sanborn) 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Kenneth C. Lindblad</b> 450 3rd Street SW - Suite 103 Huron, SD 57350 OFFICE: 353.8415 FAX: 353.8416 <a href="mailto:vet1@midco.net">vet1@midco.net</a>
<b>BENNETT</b> 8:00 - 12:00 Wednesday	<b>Don Larson</b> (mail: PO Box 523) 105 E. HWY 18 Martin, SD 57551 OFFICE: 685.6619 FAX: 685.6311 <a href="mailto:dllarson@gwtc.net">dllarson@gwtc.net</a>
<b>BON HOMME</b> 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday	<b>Richard D. Beringer</b> 300 W 18th Ave, PO Box 629 Tyndall, SD 57066-0629 OFFICE: 589.4214 FAX: 589.4202 <a href="mailto:bhcem@hcinet.net">bhcem@hcinet.net</a>
<b>BROOKINGS</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Michael Holzhauser</b> 520 3rd Street - Suite 210 Brookings, SD 57006 OFFICE: 696.8260 FAX: 696.8208 <a href="mailto:mholzhauser@brookingscountysd.gov">mholzhauser@brookingscountysd.gov</a>
<b>BROWN</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Aaron Walberg</b> 101 1st Avenue SE, Suite 100 Aberdeen, SD 57401 OFFICE: 626.7129 FAX: 626.4010 <a href="mailto:veteransservice@browncounty.sd.gov">veteransservice@browncounty.sd.gov</a>
<b>BRULE</b> (also Aurora and Jerauld) 8:30 - 5:00 Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 Friday	<b>Ron Falor</b> 300 S. Courtland St., Suite 102 Chamberlain, SD 57325-1599 OFFICE: 234.4433 FAX: 234.4430 <a href="mailto:cvso13@midstatesd.net">cvso13@midstatesd.net</a>
<b>BUFFALO</b> (also Ft. Thompson) Gann Valley 9:00 - 5:00	<b>Nancy M. Falor</b> 112 Osman Avenue, PO Box 146 Gann Valley, SD 57341 OFFICE: 293.3239

Wednesday	FAX: 293.3240 <a href="mailto:cvso14@midstatesd.net">cvso14@midstatesd.net</a>
<b>BUTTE</b> Belle Fourche 7:30 - 4:00 Monday & Tuesday	<b>Robert R. Wagner</b> 830 6th Avenue Belle Fourche, SD 57717 OFFICE: 723.8387 FAX: 892.4414 <a href="mailto:bwagner@buttesd.org">bwagner@buttesd.org</a>
<b>CAMPBELL</b> 8:30 - 4:30 Wednesday	<b>Lester Goehring</b> American Legion Post - Main Street Herried, SD 57632 OFFICE: 437-2658 FAX: 955.3308 <a href="mailto:ccvetservice@valleytel.net">ccvetservice@valleytel.net</a>
<b>CHARLES MIX</b> 8:30 - 4:30 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 Wednesday	<b>Roy R. Farabee</b> 400 Main Street, PO Box 266 Lake Andes, SD 57356 OFFICE: 487.7691 FAX: 487.7221 <a href="mailto:rfarabee@threeriverwb.net">rfarabee@threeriverwb.net</a>
<b>CLARK</b> 9:00 - 4:00 Monday 9:00 - 12:00 Tuesday	<b>Bruce Brekke</b> 200 Commercial St - N., PO Box 294 Clark, SD 57225 OFFICE: 532.5435 FAX: 532.5931 <a href="mailto:clarkvso@itctel.com">clarkvso@itctel.com</a>
<b>CLAY</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Cindy Aden</b> 211 West Main Street, Ste. 203 Vermillion, SD 57069 OFFICE: 677.7145 FAX: 677.7104 <a href="mailto:cynthia.aden@claycountySD.org">cynthia.aden@claycountySD.org</a>
<b>CODINGTON</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Al G. Janzen</b> 16 1st Avenue SE Watertown, SD 57201 OFFICE: 882.6289 FAX: 822.6392 <a href="mailto:veteran@codington.org">veteran@codington.org</a>
<b>CORSON</b> (also Perkins) 8:00 - 4:00 Tuesday	<b>Loyson "Loy" J. Carda</b> 108 1st Street E McIntosh, SD 57641 OFFICE: 273.4416 FAX: 273.4561 <a href="mailto:lcarda@sdplains.com">lcarda@sdplains.com</a>
<b>CUSTER</b> 7:30 - 4:30 Monday - Wednesday	<b>Kenneth Irwin</b> 420 Mt. Rushmore Road Custer, SD 57730-1934 OFFICE: 673.8123 FAX: 673.8150 <a href="mailto:kirwin@custercountysd.com">kirwin@custercountysd.com</a>
<b>DAVISON</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Steve A. McClure</b> 200 4th Avenue E Mitchell, SD 57301 OFFICE: 995.8619 FAX: 995.8618 <a href="mailto:coservdir@davisoncounty.org">coservdir@davisoncounty.org</a>

<p><b>DAY</b> 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Thursday</p>	<p><b>Mike Wiley</b> 711 West 1st Street Webster, SD 57274-1359 OFFICE: 345.9512 FAX: 345.9507 <a href="mailto:daycvso@itctel.com">daycvso@itctel.com</a></p>
<p><b>DEUEL</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Dennis D. Evenson</b> 415 3rd Ave S, PO Box 977 Clear Lake, SD 57226 OFFICE: 874.2111 FAX: 874.8176 <a href="mailto:shkid@itctel.com">shkid@itctel.com</a></p>
<p><b>DEWEY</b> 1:00 - 5:00 Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Robert Dunsmore</b> 710 C Street, PO Box 267 Timber Lake, SD 57656 OFFICE: 865.3539 FAX: 865.3691</p>
<p><b>DOUGLAS</b> 9:00 - 3:00 Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Fred Kuil</b> 706 Braddock St., PO Box 159 Armour, SD 57313 OFFICE: 724.2750 FAX: 724.2204 <a href="mailto:Vetserviceofficer@goldenwest.net">Vetserviceofficer@goldenwest.net</a></p>
<p><b>EDMUNDS</b> 9:00 - 4:00 Tuesday &amp; Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Ron L. Hoffer</b> 110 N Mitchell St., PO Box 266 Roscoe, SD 57471 OFFICE: 287.4629</p>
<p><b>FALL RIVER</b> 9:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Wendy Weakland</b> 906 North River Street Hot Springs, SD 57747 OFFICE: 745.5146 FAX: 745.5146 <a href="mailto:veterans@gwtc.net">veterans@gwtc.net</a></p>
<p><b>FAULK</b> 8:30 - 4:00 Monday - Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Wayne E. Vetter</b> 110 9th Ave N, PO Box 309 Faulkton, SD 5743 OFFICE: 598.6222 FAX: 598.6680 <a href="mailto:faulkcvso@venturecomm.net">faulkcvso@venturecomm.net</a></p>
<p><b>GRANT</b> Tuesday and Wednesday 9:00 - 12:00/1:00 - 5:00 Thursday 9:00 - 2:30</p>	<p><b>Scott Malimanek</b> 210 East 5th Avenue Milbank, SD 57252 OFFICE: 432.7505 FAX: 432.7506 <a href="mailto:scott.malimanek@state.sd.us">scott.malimanek@state.sd.us</a></p>
<p><b>GREGORY</b> (also Charles Mix) 8:00 - 5:00 Monday</p>	<p><b>Roy R. Farabee</b> 221 E 8th Street, PO Box 437 Burke, SD 57523 OFFICE: 775.2672 FAX: 775.2596 <a href="mailto:rfarabee@threeriverwb.net">rfarabee@threeriverwb.net</a></p>

<p><b>HAAKON</b> (also Jackson) 8:00 - 4:00 Monday &amp; Tuesday</p>	<p><b>Terry Deuter</b> 140 Howard Ave., PO Box 484 Philip, SD 57567 OFFICE: 859.2010 FAX: 859.2801 <a href="mailto:whittlinsbydeuter@hotmail.com">whittlinsbydeuter@hotmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>HAMLIN</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Robert Arneson</b> 118 Main Ave., PO Box 178 Hayti, SD 57241 OFFICE: 783.3651 FAX: 783.3652 <a href="mailto:rpa@itctel.com">rpa@itctel.com</a></p>
<p><b>HAND</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday &amp; Tuesday</p>	<p><b>Dave Johnson</b> 415 West 1st Avenue Miller, SD 57362 OFFICE: 853.2389 FAX: 853.2769 <a href="mailto:handcovso@hotmail.com">handcovso@hotmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>HANSON</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Harry Huffman, Jr.</b> 720 5th St., PO Box 500 Alexandria, SD 57311 OFFICE: 239.4245 FAX: 239.4296 <a href="mailto:hhuffman@santel.net">hhuffman@santel.net</a></p>
<p><b>HARDING</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Milton L. Douglas</b> 410 Ramsland St., PO Box 181 Buffalo, SD 57720 OFFICE: 375.3313 FAX: 375.3358 <a href="mailto:hcvso@sdplains.com">hcvso@sdplains.com</a></p>
<p><b>HUGHES</b> (also Stanley &amp; Sully) 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday VSO is only in office 9:00 - 4:00 Tuesday -Wednesday and 9:00 - 3:00 Thursday</p>	<p><b>Charles Quinn</b> 104 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501 OFFICE: 773.6975 FAX: 773.7453 <a href="mailto:charles.quinn@co.hughes.sd.us">charles.quinn@co.hughes.sd.us</a></p>
<p><b>HUTCHINSON</b> 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Glenn R. Hartman</b> 140 Euclid, Room 39 Olivet, SD 57052 OFFICE: 387.4204 FAX: 387.4209 <a href="mailto:vasohutch@hotmail.com">vasohutch@hotmail.com</a></p>
<p><b>HYDE</b> 9:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Robert "Bob" Sheffield</b> 116 1st St SW, PO Box 188 Highmore, SD 57345 OFFICE: 852.2156</p>
<p><b>JACKSON</b> (also Haakon) 8:00 - 4:00 Wednesdays and Thursdays</p>	<p><b>Terry Deuter</b> 700 Main St., PO Box 291 Kadoka, SD 57543 OFFICE: 837.2217 FAX: 837.2439 <a href="mailto:whittlinsbydeuter@hotmail.com">whittlinsbydeuter@hotmail.com</a></p>

<p><b>JERAULD</b> (also Aurora and Brule) 8:00 - 12:00 Monday 8:00 - 5:00 Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Ron Falor</b> (Mail: PO Box 422) 205 Wallace Ave S Wessington Springs, SD 57382 OFFICE: 539.0092 FAX: 539-9125 <a href="mailto:ronf1997@midstatesd.net">ronf1997@midstatesd.net</a></p>
<p><b>JONES</b> (also Lyman and Mellette) 9:00 - 12:00 1st &amp; 3rd Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Gary O. Sletto</b> 310 Main St. Murdo, SD 57559 (Mail: 28401 SD 248, Draper, SD 57531) OFFICE: 669.7107 FAX: 669.7120 <a href="mailto:gsletto@goldenwest.net">gsletto@goldenwest.net</a></p>
<p><b>KINGSBURY</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Gary W. Schumacher</b> 103 Joliet Ave SE, PO Box 29 De Smet, SD 57231 OFFICE: 854.3378 FAX: 854.9006 <a href="mailto:gary@wslawfirm.net">gary@wslawfirm.net</a></p>
<p><b>LAKE</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Douglas Huntrods</b> 200 East Center Street Madison, SD 57042 OFFICE: 256.7611 FAX: 256.7622 <a href="mailto:lakeema@lakecountysd.com">lakeema@lakecountysd.com</a></p>
<p><b>LAWRENCE</b> Deadwood 9:00 - 4:30 Tuesday &amp; Thursday</p>	<p><b>William "Bill" J. Locken</b> 80 Sherman Street Deadwood, SD 57732 OFFICE: 578.9748 FAX: 605.578.3148 <a href="mailto:blocken@lawrence.sd.us">blocken@lawrence.sd.us</a></p>
<p><b>LINCOLN</b> 8:30 - 2:30 Monday - Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Dick Lien</b> 104 N Main Suite 40 Canton, SD 57013 OFFICE: 764.5571 FAX: 764.2432 <a href="mailto:dlien@lincolncountysd.org">dlien@lincolncountysd.org</a></p>
<p><b>LYMAN</b> (also Jones and Mellette) 9:00 - 4:30 1st and 3rd Tuesday</p>	<p><b>Gary O. Sletto</b> 300 S. Main St., PO Box 251 Kennebec, SD 57544 OFFICE: 869.2237 FAX: 869.2203 <a href="mailto:vso@lymancounty.org">vso@lymancounty.org</a></p>
<p><b>MARSHALL</b> 8:30 - 12:30 Monday - Thursday</p>	<p><b>David Daberkow</b> 909 South Main, PO Box 986 Britton, SD 57430 OFFICE: 448.5190 FAX: 448.5142 <a href="mailto:vsomcsd@yahoo.com">vsomcsd@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>McCook</b> 8:30 - 4:30 Monday and Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Keith Aden</b> 130 W Essex Ave, PO Box 190 Salem, SD 57058</p>

	OFFICE: 425.2485 FAX: 425.2534 <a href="mailto:mccookvso@triotel.net">mccookvso@triotel.net</a>
<b>McPHERSON</b> 8:30 - 4:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Harvey Schaible</b> Highway 10, PO Box 457 Leola, SD 57456 OFFICE: 439.3320 <a href="mailto:hdschaible@valleytel.net">hdschaible@valleytel.net</a>
<b>McPHERSON</b> 11:00 - 2:00 Tuesday & Thursday	<b>Darrell Pfeifle</b> 717 7th St., PO Box 202 Eureka, SD 57437 OFFICE: 284.5239 <a href="mailto:dpfeifle@valleytel.net">dpfeifle@valleytel.net</a>
<b>MEADE</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday	<b>Angella Sutton</b> 1300 Sherman Street Suite 212 Sturgis, SD 57785 OFFICE: 347.7623 FAX: 720.1633 <a href="mailto:asutton@meadecounty.org">asutton@meadecounty.org</a>
<b>MELLETTTE</b> (also Jones and Lyman) 9:00 - 4:00 1st & 3rd Friday	<b>Gary O. Sletto</b> South 1st & McKinley, Courthouse White River, SD 57531 (Mail: 28401 SD 248, Draper, SD 57531) OFFICE: 259.3030 FAX: 259.3194 <a href="mailto:lgsletto@goldenwest.net">lgsletto@goldenwest.net</a>
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<b>MOODY</b> 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Monday - Tuesday	<b>James E. Delay</b> 101 E. Pipestone Avenue Flandreau, SD 57028 OFFICE: 997.0094 FAX: 997.0094 <a href="mailto:mcvso@moodycounty.net">mcvso@moodycounty.net</a>
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**PERKINS**  
(also Corson)  
Lemmon  
8:00 - 4:00  
Monday

Bison  
8:00 - 3:30  
Thursday

**POTTER**  
9:00 - 5:00  
Monday

**ROBERTS**  
8:00 - 5:00  
Monday - Friday

**SANBORN**  
8:00-5:00  
Monday-Friday

**SHANNON**  
9:00 - 4:00  
Monday -Wednesday

**SPINK**  
8:00 - 1:00  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

**STANLEY**  
(also Hughes & Sully)  
8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday  
VSO is only in office 9:00 - 4:00  
Tuesday -Wednesday and 9:00 -  
3:00 Thursday

**SULLY**  
(also Hughes & Stanley)  
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Tuesday -Wednesday and 9:00 -  
3:00 Thursday

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2nd & 4th Monday

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Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday

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**TURNER**  
9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00  
Tuesday & Wednesday

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**UNION**  
8:30 - 4:30  
Tuesday & Thursday

**Daniel Veatch**  
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9:00 - 2:00  
Monday - Wednesday

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1:00 - 5:00  
Monday  
9:00 - 5:00  
Tuesday & Wednesday

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8:00 - 5:00  
Monday

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<p><b>CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE</b> (also Buffalo) Ft. Thompson 9:00 - 5:00 Third Wednesday</p>	<p><b>Nancy M. Falor</b> Tribal Office, Highway 16 Ft. Thompson, SD OFFICE: 245.2221 ext 22 FAX: 293.3240 <a href="mailto:cvso14@midstatesd.net">cvso14@midstatesd.net</a></p>
<p><b>LOWER BRULE SIOUX TRIBE</b></p>	<p><b>Vacant</b> (See your local County Veteran Service Officer)</p>
<p><b>OGLALA SIOUX TRIBE</b> 8:30 - 4:30 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Frank W. Marshall</b> PO Box 324 Pine Ridge, SD 57770 OFFICE: 867.5577 FAX: 867.5380 <a href="mailto:nativevets@goldenwest.net">nativevets@goldenwest.net</a></p>
<p><b>ROSEBUD SIOUX TRIBE</b> 8:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Orlando Morrison</b> PO Box 720 Rosebud, SD 57570 OFFICE: 747.2593 FAX: 747.5418 <a href="mailto:rsvets@yahoo.com">rsvets@yahoo.com</a></p>
<p><b>SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE</b> 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Geri Opsal</b> PO Box 509 Agency Village, SD 57262 OFFICE: 698-4400 Ext.110 FAX: 698.3515 <a href="mailto:GeriO@SWO-NSN.gov">GeriO@SWO-NSN.gov</a></p>
<p><b>STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE</b> 8:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Wenelle Clown</b> PO Box D, Tribal Office Ft. Yates, ND 58538 OFFICE: 701.854.8527 FAX: 701.854.8596 <a href="mailto:wclown@standingrock.org">wclown@standingrock.org</a></p>
<p><b>YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE</b> 9:00 - 4:30 Monday - Friday</p>	<p><b>Dennis W. Rucker</b> 800 Main Street, SW PO Box 1153 Wagner, SD 57380 OFFICE: 384.3641 FAX: 384.5687</p>