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Website Statement of Purpose and Belief

Cardinal Connections was conceived with the belief that positive youth development is a necessary and achievable goal for South Sioux City . We further believe that positive youth development contributes to academic progress and a strong community of law-abiding citizens.

We operate with the understanding that our youth are nurtured by their families, the school experience and the community in which they live.

Cardinal Connections embraces the input from a tri state alliance because our youth do not live with geographical boundaries but rather by a sphere of influence that includes

South Sioux City
NE

,
Sioux City
IA
, and

North Sioux City
SD and strong partners from each of these communities are the most effective resources for their social, emotional and academic development.

We
at Cardinal Connections believe that our children need to have:

- a safe school environment-- safe from

threats outside the school as well as internal threats to safety
a clear mind, unhampered by
the numbing effects of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs, and
violence
access to mental health for
the times when the ability to cope with life challenges becomes
overwhelming
a family or adequate
substitute that provides for psychosocial development in early childhood
as a foundation for a formal education
a network of caring adults
that link the school, families and community in a united effort to educate
the whole child

It
is our mission to provide for these needs in a collaborative effort from
separate, equal, and independent agencies and individuals.
Our
core beliefs and common goal unite us in a mutually respectful collaboration,
bound by a shared vision and mission, and dedicated to sharing our talents and
assets to this end because it is the right thing to do!

Cardinal Connections Partners

The
cornerstone to the success of Cardinal Connections is the community partners
who work collaboratively to address the identified needs of youth and provide
opportunities that ensure schools that are safe, drug and violence-free and
promote the social, emotional, and academic success of all students. The
Project Director continues to seek out additional partners to address the
activities and goals of the initiative, and sustain the initiatives' efforts
after the grant has expired. Additional input is encouraged from the
community of
South Sioux City , its
businesses, and its citizens. If you are interested in serving Cardinal
Connections as a partner, please call the Cardinal Connections office at
402-412-2883. Translators are available so that all voices of the
community may be heard and valued.

Our Partners include:

AIM

Beyond the

Bell

Boys and Girls Home and Family Services

Catholic Charities

Dakota
County Attorney's
Office

Dakota
County Ministerial

Alliance

District 16 Probation

Early Head Start

First Presbyterian Church

Girls, Inc.

Head Start

Heartland Counseling

Jackson Recovery

Jesse Marshall Boys Club

Region IV Behavioral Health Specialists, Inc.

Lutheran Services in

Iowa

Mary J. Treglia Community House

Nebraska
Dept. of Health & Human Services

Prairie Psychological Services

Saint Michael Church

Saint
Michael
School

S.H.I.P.

Siouxland CARES

Siouxland
Community
Health
Center

City of South Sioux
City

South Sioux City
Public Library

South Sioux City Police Department

South
Sioux City
School
District

St. Luke's Hospital

UNL Extension

Waitt Family Foundation

Watchful Eye

YMCA of Siouxland

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