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The South Dakota Department of Education has opened membership for the South Dakota Governor's Advisory Council for Children with Disabilities for 2009. At this time, we are seeking parent(s) or guardian(s) of children with disabilities. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in applying, please consider completing the application or forwarding it to interested parties. The application can be found on the Special Education Programs website at <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/specialed/news/Advisory/index.asp> or by contacting Alicia Schoenhard via email at [Alicia.Schoenhard@state.sd.us](mailto:Alicia.Schoenhard@state.sd.us) or by phone (605)773-3219. Thank you for considering completing an application for the South Dakota Governor's Advisory Council for Children with Disabilities.

**Panel Functions**

- Advise the SEA of unmet needs within the State in the education of children with disabilities
- Comment publicly on any rules or regulations proposed by the state regarding the education of children with disabilities
- Advise the SEA in developing evaluations and reporting on data to the Secretary under section 618 of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing corrective action plans to address findings identified in Federal monitoring reports under Part B of the Act
- Advise the SEA in developing and implementing policies relating to the coordination of services for children with disabilities
- Review and comment on final due process hearing findings and decisions
- Advise on eligible students with disabilities in adult prisons- The advisory panel also shall advise on the education of eligible students with disabilities who have been convicted as adults and incarcerated in adult prisons

**Panel Priorities**

- Addressing the pending reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- Child Find
- Ensuring quality service providers are available to children with disabilities

**Criteria:**

Anyone can apply, but due to federal requirements, the council has to maintain a membership criteria based upon their having a disability or associated with an individual with a disability. At this time, we are seeking parent(s) or guardian(s) of children with disabilities.

**Contact Information:**

Please send your application to:

**Alicia Schoenhard  
700 Governors Drive  
Pierre, SD 57501**

You will find an enclosed application form that must be completed and returned by:  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.**

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Alicia Schoenhard  
Special Education Program Specialist

Enclosed: Application