

# 2023 NPCR SOUTH DAKOTA SUCCESS STORY

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## Successful Education for South Dakota Cancer Registrars

### National Program of Cancer Registries SUCCESS STORY

#### SUMMARY

The South Dakota Cancer Registry (SDCR) evaluation in award year one was designed to assess its educational offerings to state-based cancer registrars, analyze internal partner perceptions on collaboration with the SDCR, and monitor adherence to NPCR Work Plan goals.

#### CHALLENGE

- South Dakota is geographically a very large state, so offering high-quality virtual training to cancer registrars is very important.
- Since the abstracting rules constantly change, cancer registrars need to have the education and tools they need to report accurate cancer data to the SDCR.
- The SDCR strives for 100% of the cancer cases diagnosed and treated in South Dakota to be abstracted by certified cancer registrars.

#### SOLUTION

- The SDCR partners with the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) to deliver monthly virtual webinar trainings to South Dakota-based cancer registrars.
- The SDCR supports the annual educational conference for the Cancer Registrars Association of the Dakotas (CRAD) to provide a hybrid (in-person and virtual) conference.

#### RESULTS

- In 2023, the evaluation team conducted a survey of cancer registrars to analyze their perception of educational offerings.
- Survey results showed that most cancer registrars found the training opportunities useful. Registrars felt very prepared for their role in the cancer registry field, and that the SDCR provided them with adequate support.
- The survey was distributed to the 25 cancer registrars in South Dakota, and 18 responded for a response rate of 72%.
- The summary from the annual evaluation report stated that partners are satisfied with SDCR leadership, communication, and access to data. The SDCR staff members provide valuable and useful services, and a variety of professionals throughout the state use SDCR data.

#### SUSTAINING SUCCESS

- Current recommendations are to offer educational sessions to cancer registrars covering a review of cancer registrar basics, state-specific requirements, registry management, abstracting resources, American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) staging tips, and address time constraints with internal partners.
- The SDCR staff believes the current success will be sustained.

#### STORY QUOTE

A direct quote from a cancer registrar survey participant:  
***“We can attend NAACCR webinars and CRAD through the financial help and support of the SDCR. Without this help, I am afraid we would not all be able to provide accurate and complete information to the SDCR that we do now.”***

#### REGISTRY CONTACT

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