

# 2026

## Stronger Together: Building Assets for Brookings, A Day for Suicide Prevention

Join us to learn how all of us can help increase concrete supports throughout Brookings County to instill hope, safety and healing. This event is free and open to the public.

**Dacotah Bank Center**  
**February 18th, 8 AM - 1 PM**



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Community Engagement Partnership  
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Conversations on Access to  
Lethal Means (CALM) Training

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Creating Safe and Supportive Environments:  
Trauma-Informed Care

**First Responder Interactive Panel**

**Diana Leal, MPH:** Post Overdose Response  
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**Karen Weber, RN:** Emergency Department  
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A Collaboration on Post-Overdose Response



Call Brookings Area United  
Way at 605-692-4979 to  
register or scan QR code



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Registration for this  
event is free.



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BROOKINGS COUNTY**



Mental Health  
FIRST AID

from NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR  
MENTAL WELLBEING

# Mental Health First Aid Training

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

## When:

Thursday  
February 5<sup>th</sup>  
8am - 5pm

## Where:

Dakota Nature Park  
*1705 32<sup>nd</sup> St. South  
Brookings, SD*



Scan to  
Register!

### What it covers:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental health challenges.
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use challenges.
- How to interact with a person in crisis.
- How to connect a person to help.
- Expanded content on trauma, substance use and self-care.

### This training is intended for:

- First responders
- Social service providers
- Human Resource/employers
- Primary/direct care workers
- Impacted community members
- School/college leadership
- Caring individuals



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