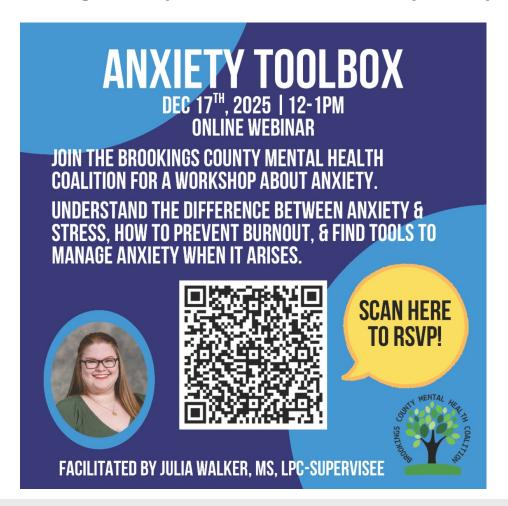


Welcome! Brookings Area United Way offers this monthly newsletter as a way to connect some of the many community initiatives that work together in Brookings County to support residents, youth, and families.

Brookings County Mental Health Coalition (BCMHC)



Be sure to add the next <u>Brookings County Mental Health Coalition</u> Speaker Meeting to your calendars! Registration is required to attend. Scan the QR code or click the image above to register for the virtual workshop opportunity!

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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Machelle Kocer, MSW, CSW-PIP Community Engagement Partnership Coordinator, Sioux Falls VA Healthcare System

Conversations on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) Training

Nikki Eining, CSW-PIP, QMHP

USD Sanford School of Medicine

Creating Safe and Supportive Environments:
Trauma-Informed Care

First Responder Interactive Panel

Diana Leal, MPH: Post Overdose Response

Team Program Manager,

Emily's Hope

Karen Weber, RN: Emergency Department

Director, Brookings Health

System

A Collaboration on Post-Overdose Response



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

Brookings Area

Registration for this event is free.





Be sure to add the <u>2026 Stronger Together</u> event to your calendars! Registration is required to attend. Scan the QR code or click the image above to register.



Basic Needs Task Force: Addressing Food Insecurity



Brooking Area United Way is continuing to coordinate between partnering organizations of the Basic Needs Task Force through the holiday season!

Food, personal care items, and monetary/gift card donations are still being accepted and can be brought to the Brookings Area United Way office at 908 Hope Drive, Mondays - Thursdays 8 AM - 4 PM, and Fridays 8 AM - 12 PM. **Due to the upcoming holidays and limited staff availability, please call ahead to schedule a drop-off time by calling our office at 605-692-4979**.







Brookings Communities That Cares (CTC)

The Brookings CTC Board is hard at work creating an action plan to tackle the key risk factors identified in the Brookings community.

At the November board meeting, members discussed sections of the action plan their workgroups have been working on. The board is expected to have their action plan published in January 2026 and start the Implementation Phase (fifth and final phase) of the CTC framework!

For more information or to get connected with the board, please contact Tehra at tehra@brookingsunitedway.org

















Early Learner Brookings

Early Learner Brookings is an initiative where local leaders, residents, and stakeholders are committed to the goal of all young children reaching their full potential.

If you are interested in learning more



Brookings Council of Nonprofits (BCNP)

The <u>Brookings Council of Nonprofits</u> is looking at the year ahead and planning for 2026! Be on the look out

for the 2026 BCNP calendar filled with social events, networking and collaboration efforts!



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