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Board of Pardons and Paroles selected as Learning Site

(Sioux Falls, S.D.)-The South Dakota Board of Pardons and Paroles has been selected as a Learning Site by the National Parole Resource Center (NPRC). The Board will receive technical assistance from NPRC on release and revocation decision making, as well as Parole Services receiving assistance with post-release supervision.

South Dakota is one of four state paroling authorities to be selected as a Learning Site, along with Pennsylvania, Georgia and Connecticut. A total of 17 states applied for the NPRC assistance. South Dakota and Pennsylvania were selected to receive Category 2 assistance, which involves additional training and technical assistance for the paroling authority's supervision partners.

"Along with my fellow Board members, I am fully committed to the goals of the technical assistance and the implementation of recommendations resulting from such assistance," said Dennis Kaemingk, Chairman of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. "We are dedicated to reducing recidivism in this state and are confident this technical assistance will advance us into a position of being a national model in the field of parole."

The Learning Site initiative is a targeted and intensive technical assistance effort with a focus on using empirically-based tools to assess the risks and criminogenic needs of offenders and developing evidence-based, policy-driven decision making tools and practices. States receiving Category 2 assistance will receive training and technical assistance directed specifically toward offender supervision to facilitate successful community reintegration.

Plans call for the Board to begin their work with NPRC via a teleconference to review the process and then set up dates for on-site work.

The NPRC is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and operated as a partnership among the Center for Effective Public Policy, the Association of Paroling Authorities International and the Urban Institute.