

Honoring Growth: Advancing Mental Health for All 2026
Conference
will be held at
Yankton High School!
Use the Main Entrance Doors near the circle drive.

1801 Summit St.
Yankton, South Dakota

For information about Yankton, including city map, motels, restaurants, entertainment, etc., contact Yankton Thrive at 605-665-3636 or access the website, www.yanktonsd.com

ACCESSIBILITY

The conference site is primarily Americans with Disabilities Act accessible. Please note on your registration form as to special accommodations needed.

ANIMAL ATTENDANCE & SERVICE ANIMAL POLICY

The YAMWI board established that personal animals are NOT allowed at our annual conference. This decision was based on concern for the safety and comfort of our animal friends and on our conference format. Personal animals include emotional support, comfort animals, and therapy animals, which are not defined as service animals under Title II and Title III of the ADA. Service animals are an exception to this policy. Service animals are defined and covered by Federal Law under the ADA. Service animals must be house-trained, and handlers are responsible for always cleaning up after the animal.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

All conference presenters and registrants and assistants understand that participation in any portion of the Yankton Area Mental Wellness, Inc. (YAMWI) Conference at Yankton High School is purely voluntary. Those choosing to participate hereby releases YAMWI, the YAMWI Board of Directors, Yankton School District, their successors, assigns, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers from all claims, demands, and causes of action whatsoever in any way growing out of or resulting from participation in the conference activities.



"Caring for Self...Caring for Community"

CONFERENCE GOAL

The Yankton Area Mental Wellness logo depicts the overall conference goal. The main design resembles the sunshine, the warmth gained by caring for others, and the vitality of good health. The rays indicate how mental wellness adds brightness all around. The bold print reminds us that "wellness" is the core of this conference. The word "conference" at the bottom of the logo denotes that this training will provide a strong foundation for caregivers and professionals. The spacing of the letters indicates that there is room for everyone to support this event and a need for everyone to care about mental wellness.

2026 MENTAL WELLNESS CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

Conference participants will:

1. Explore different therapeutic interventions and therapeutic techniques.
2. Explore contemporary theory, research, and practice for working with people.
3. Examine the impact trauma and crisis events have on individuals.
4. Examine factors that impact ethical therapy practice.
5. Identify behaviors that may indicate chemical dependency or mental illness as experts explore the latest findings concerning intervention and treatment.
6. Address the issues involved in the practice of working with people with physical and/or mental health needs.
7. Examine the status of all generations in society, their pressures of life, and how professionals can support them.
8. Describe new methods of **"CARING FOR SELF ... CARING FOR COMMUNITY"**
9. Incorporate the 2026 conference theme: ***Honoring Growth: Advancing Mental Health for All***

PROFESSIONAL CREDIT FOR THIS CONFERENCE: It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that professional credit meets the criteria for their discipline. Professional credit applications for this conference have been submitted to the following:

- Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators in SD
- Certification Board of Addiction and Prevention Professionals
- SD Board of Counselor Examiners – Ethics hours requested.
- Social Work
- Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC)
- Continuing Education Units through the SD State Department of Education

Graduate Credit through Mount Marty University: 1 credit \$50.00 (in addition to conference registration fee). Register prior to the conference or contact lilcoln@mountmarty.edu if you have any questions.

MMU [Professional Development Institute](https://www.mountmarty.edu/academics/professional-development-institute/) website. <https://www.mountmarty.edu/academics/professional-development-institute/> *Registration for graduate credit will still be available the first morning of the conference at the graduate information table in the lobby of the conference.

Graduate Credit

Yes ___ No ___ I am requesting Graduate Credit through Mount Marty University (conference registration fee due now / plus an additional \$50 fee payable to MMU upon arrival at the conference).



Printable Registration Form
 (Registration form is also online at: www.yamwi.org)
Yankton Area Mental Wellness Conference
Honoring Growth: Advancing Mental Health for All
 Wednesday, June 3rd – Thursday, June 4th, 2026

***REQUIRED INFORMATION**

*First Name: _____ *Last Name: _____
 Organization: _____ Title/Position: _____
 *Phone #: _____ *Email Address: _____
 *Address: _____ *City, State, Zip: _____

Breakout Session Preferences

As a courtesy to our Conference Presenters, Participants will be expected to attend the session for which they pre-registered. Participants will receive a copy of their Final Conference Itinerary upon registration check-in.

BREAKOUT SESSION I, Wed. 9:45-10:45am Please select your 1st & 2nd preferences: *1st preference: _____ *2nd preference: _____

BREAKOUT SESSION II, Wed. 2:30-3:30pm Please select your 1st & 2nd preferences: *1st preference: _____ *2nd preference: _____

BREAKOUT SESSION III, Thurs. 9:45-10:45 am Please select your 1st & 2nd preferences: *1st preference: _____ *2nd preference: _____

BREAKOUT SESSION IV, Thurs. 2:30-3:30 Please select your 1st & 2nd preferences: *1st preference: _____ *2nd preference: _____

Meals-provided by some conference sponsors

***Lunch, Wednesday, June 3rd**

- I will **not** be able to attend.
- I will attend and eat Sponsor provided LUNCH.

***Lunch, Thursday, June 4th**

- I will **not** be able to attend.
- I will attend and eat Sponsor provided LUNCH.

Please note any dietary requests, we will attempt to honor, but not guaranteed:

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES:

2-Day: \$225.00 (Received after June 1st: \$250.00)

1-Day: \$200.00 (Received after June 1st: \$225.00)

Full-Time Student Registration Fees are half-off these rates

MAIL SIGNED WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM TO:

Yankton Area Mental Wellness Inc: 3111 Shirley Bridge Ave, Yankton, SD 57078

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Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Accessibility

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Accommodation Statement

If you have a disability and need accommodation to attend this event, please **contact Nancy Teachout, YAMWI Executive Director**, at least **2 weeks prior to the event**. Email: yamwi.org@gmail.com. If you have questions, please call 605-665-4606 and ask for Nancy Teachout.

**On behalf of the YAMWI Board of Directors,
We Thank You, for your attendance, support, willingness to learn, grow, and share
your gifts!**