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PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Department of Social Services continues with efforts to educate and inform residents on the Long-Term Care Partnership Program. In March, education sessions will be held in the following communities: Vermillion, Tyndall, Yankton, Parkston, Parker, Sioux Falls, Canton and Brandon.

If you, a family member, friend or co-worker would like to find out more about long-term care, the costs related to it, how to plan for long-term care needs, what Medicare and Medicaid will cover and how the Long-Term Care Partnership Program can help you, now is your chance. The education sessions are free and open to the public. Below are the times, dates and locations for the month of March. Each session is scheduled for one hour.

- **VERMILLION:** Monday, March 10, 2008
Location: Vermillion Public Library, 18 Church Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **9 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.**
- **TYNDALL:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Location: Good Samaritan Center, 2304 Laurel Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **9 a.m. and noon.**
- **YANKTON:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Location: Minerva's Convention Center, 1607 East Highway 50
Time: Sessions will be held at **3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**
- **PARKSTON:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Location: Parkston Public Library, 110 West Main Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **9 a.m. and noon.**
- **PARKER:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Location: Parker Senior Center, Inc., 100 E. Sanborn Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**
- **SIOUX FALLS:** Thursday, March 13, 2008
Location: YWCA, downtown location, 300 W. 11th Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **7 a.m., 9 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.**
- **CANTON:** Friday, March 14, 2008
Location: Canton Public Library, 225 North Broadway Street
Time: Sessions will be held at **9 a.m. and noon.**
- **BRANDON:** Friday, March 14, 2008
Location: Pizza Ranch, Wood Shed Room, 202 South Splitrock Blvd
FREE PIZZA will also be served!
Time: Sessions will be held at **3 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend a live session, a free educational conference call is also available and will be conducted on:

- **Friday, March 28, 2008 at 9 a.m. and noon (CT); each call will last one hour.**

To participate in this call, dial: 1-866-809-6529 and enter the following ID number followed by the pound key: 8448656#. Callers can also download and print a copy of the presentation at www.ltcpartnership.sd.gov that will be used during the call.

About the Long-Term Care Partnership Program: The Long-Term Care Partnership Program is a public-private partnership offering individuals quality, affordable long-term care insurance. Once private insurance benefits are used, special Medicaid eligibility rules are applied if additional coverage is necessary. The Department will continue to offer community education sessions, educating and informing citizens on the Long-Term Care Partnership Program and the need to plan ahead and prepare for long-term care. To date we have visited: Harrisburg, Sioux Falls (2), Madison (2), Brookings, Watertown, Milbank, Belle Fourche, Spearfish (2), Rapid City (2), Deadwood, Sturgis (2), Aberdeen, Mobridge, Eagle Butte, Gettysburg, Pierre (2), Redfield, Miller, Huron, Mitchell, Chamberlain, Platte, Winner, Murdo, Wall, Hot Springs and Custer. In April, education sessions will be held in: McIntosh, Lemmon, Buffalo, Spearfish, Custer, Hot Springs and Rapid City.

To find out when we will be in a community near you, log onto www.ltcpartnership.sd.gov or call 1-800-597-1603 to learn more.