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## Mission: “Building Bridges with Youth to Live Safe, Drug Free, and Healthy Lives.”

### Quotes from a few Partner Organizations regarding our intervention services and the need they see for these services in our community:

- *“Lifeways is a key cornerstone in the Pennington County Juvenile Diversion program....*
- *There is no other program in Rapid City that provides this crucial service to the youth of Rapid City....*
- *Lifeways is an under-recognized, increasingly vital program in Rapid City. Having access to Lifeways programming for the youth referred to Juvenile Diversion has helped this program become the successful program that it is today. This community based organization is exceptionally important to Rapid City.”*

*Kim M. Morsching—Juvenile Diversion Coordinator,  
OFFICE OF THE PENNINGTON COUNTY State’s attorney*

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*“While working in the Department of Corrections, I don’t always get the opportunity to work with Lifeways due to the level of need my youth often require; however, when the occasion arises that our paths cross, I have been very pleased with the results. Lifeways has been very accommodating to my youth by working with them in various schools and at their office. Every youth that I have referred to Lifeways has given me positive feedback about the services they were provided. It is a very difficult field to be working in and Lifeways staff has always been enthusiastic about meeting the youth I refer and have provided excellent guidance with the specific needs of each individual. Lifeways has proven to be an effective entity for positive change in the youth they have served.”*

*Justin Fankhauser, Juvenile Corrections Agent*

*“Lifeways and the education they do is a perfect fit to compliment what the state is doing with juvenile justice. We need funding for the alternatives to incarceration, and the services offered by Lifeways is a necessity, because in my experience drug use is on the rise, and drug and alcohol use often leads to other criminal behavior. We need to intervene earlier with these kids, and not only will that help with the juvenile issue, but will help the kids be more successful in school, graduate, and be less likely to be arrested as adults. The earlier we intervene, the more effective we will be.”*

*Officer Tim Doyle, Liaison Central High School, Rapid City Police Department, Lifeways Board Member*

**Lifeways Offers Prevention, Early Identification, Intervention Services to over 8,000 youth**



Lifeways takes an active role in addressing the problem of youth substance abuse through early identification and early intervention evidenced based programming targeting at risk youth experiencing legal problems.

- Lifeways provides an on-site alcohol & drug counselor in middle schools, high schools and after school in order to implement early intervention, outpatient counseling and referrals to treatment services.
- Directly working with youth, parents, school staff, law enforcement, court services, diversion, JCA's, and community members impacting school and community.



**Community & School Partners in Rapid City**

Rapid City Schools- Superintendent, Principals, Counselors, Teachers

Rapid City Police Dept

Pennington County State's Attorney

- Teen Court
- Diversion

Pennington County Sheriff

Court Services Juvenile Corrections Agents

Youth Serving Agencies:  
Behavior Management  
Catholic Social Services  
Lutheran Social Services and ARISE  
Young Life,  
Partnership Rapid City  
Wellfully  
Addiction Recovery  
other state treatment programs