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**Donations needed for Skills Development Center**

**RAPID CITY, S.D.** – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Rapid City Career Center are in need of donations for the Skills Development Center, a work and training site for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) clients.

Each month, TANF clients who complete assigned exercises are entered in a drawing to win a reward package. Donations of small appliances, kitchenware and utensils are needed to complete the “household essentials” package for March. Professional clothing for interviews is also needed. All donations may be dropped off at the Dahl Arts Center, located at 713 7<sup>th</sup> Street Monday thru Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TANF clients participate in a welfare-to-work program, which teaches them employability, life and job development skills. The goal of the program is to help recipients make a successful transition into the workforce. Clients learn skills such as typing, operating a computer and fax machine, filing, providing customer service, proofreading, counting change, using the phone, budgeting and managing time through completing exercises, attending classes and working with staff members.

For more information, visit [www.sdjobs.org](http://www.sdjobs.org) or call 605.394.2277.