

## Jennifer Folliard, MPH, RDN | Director of Policy and Communications



Jennifer Folliard joined CHAD in the fall of 2022 as the director of policy and communications. In this role, Jenn oversees CHAD's policy, advocacy, communications, and marketing and serves as a resource to provide training and technical assistance for health centers. She serves as the lead on state and federal policy issues and partnership development in South Dakota.

Jenn brings over 15 years of experience in public health policy and public health systems leadership to CHAD. In her previous position as the maternal child health director for the South Dakota Department of Health, Jenn enhanced relationships with multi-sector partners, administered federal grants, expanded state programs, and guided staff to advance priorities that would improve the health of South Dakota families. Before moving to South Dakota, Jenn worked in Washington, D.C., for ten years, conducting state and federal policy research and advocating for policies and legislative changes to build effective public health systems.

Jenn is a registered dietitian and received her Bachelor of Science in human nutrition and food/nutrition in business from Purdue University and her Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Jenn lives in Sioux Falls with her husband, Pete, daughter Mackenzie, and dog Bella. The Folliard team enjoys hiking, playing and listening to music, and cooking together.