

## **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services**

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## **Autism services to be discussed at Feb. 4 task force meeting**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota's Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, Feb. 4, from 1 to 4:45 p.m. Central Time to discuss diagnoses and services in rural areas, enrollment and expenditures for services provided by the Department of Human Services, workgroup efforts and other related topics.

The meeting agenda is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

The task force meeting is open to the public and will be held via video conference originating from the department's offices in the Judicial Wing of the Capitol in Bismarck. Attendees should enter the Capitol through the public entrance on the south side.

Interested individuals can participate in the meeting at these video conference sites:

**Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 W., North Meeting Room;

**Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, Basement Conference Room;

**Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Prairie Rose Room;

**Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., West Conference Center;

**Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;

**Jamestown:** ND State Hospital, LRC/Administration Building, 2605 Circle Dr., Room 320;

**Minot:** Job Service ND, 3416 N Broadway, Magic City Room; and

**Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room A200.

Individuals unable to attend at a video conference site can join by conference call at 701-328-0950, passcode 54821749#.

People who need accommodations to participate should contact Krista Fremming prior to the meeting at 701-328-2342, toll-free 800-755-2719 or [krfremming@nd.gov](mailto:krfremming@nd.gov).

The legislature created the task force in 2009, and members are appointed by the governor. The task force is responsible for reviewing early intervention and family support services that enable individuals with autism spectrum disorder to live in home-based or community settings, and programs helping individuals with autism spectrum disorder to transition from a school-based setting to adult services and workforce development programs. In addition, the task force monitors the provision of services and federal resources that can be directed toward services, and reviews, amends and updates the state plan to better meet the needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

The department provides information about its autism spectrum disorder services online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html). Task force information is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/taskforce.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/taskforce.html).

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