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**Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers Training to be held in  
Grand Forks**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is sponsoring training on *Early Intervention for Infants and Toddlers* May 3-6, 2010 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks.

The training will feature recognized expert Dr. Juliann Woods of Florida State University. Woods will share information on how parents, therapists, childcare providers, educators, and others can use everyday activities to help young children with developmental delays or disabilities learn new skills.

“Parents are their children’s first teachers,” said Deb Baldson, the department’s administrator for early intervention services. “Many routine activities can be learning opportunities. Our goal is to support the development of children by offering training on effective practices.”

The public is invited to hear Woods’ presentation *Family-Guided Routines-Based Intervention* Tuesday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Alerus Center. There is a \$20 registration fee for Woods’ presentation. Tickets can be purchased starting May 3 at the Alerus Center.

Woods has been an advocate for serving families in the natural environment for over 25 years by developing early intervention service models for use in homes or childcare settings. Woods has authored assessments, curriculum on early intervention, and contributed to video training materials on behavior supports.

In addition to Woods’ presentation, staff from the department’s nine licensed infant development programs will receive intensive training and on-going support. This will assist in the delivery of researched-based best practice techniques that support parents to incorporate learning activities into their daily routines for infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

Early intervention services are currently supporting over 1,000 North Dakota families of infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities.

For more information about the early intervention program, contact the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Developmental Disabilities Division at 701-328-8930.

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