

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505**

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## **Child and Family Services Review Stakeholder Meetings to be held in Minot January 17-19**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division is conducting a Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and holding stakeholder meetings January 17-19, 2012, at the Ward County Social Service Office, 400 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave. NW, in Minot. The department invites constituents, child welfare service providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and other interested persons from the seven-county region to discuss safety, permanency, and the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

“The stakeholder meetings focus on child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation, and family support,” said Tara Muhlhauser, director of the Children and Family Services Division. “The information we gather will be used to evaluate services, reduce barriers, and strengthen the service delivery system.”

Individuals attending one of the following scheduled stakeholder meetings should check-in at the front desk of the Ward County Social Service Office prior to the meeting.

### **Tuesday, January 17, 2012**

- Case managers meeting - 9:30 a.m.
- Legal and court officials meeting - 12 p.m.
- School/Education professionals meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- Foster parents meeting - 6:30 p.m. (county foster care and therapeutic foster care)

### **Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

- Community members meeting - 10 a.m. (for lay guardians ad litem, public health staff, law enforcement officials, religious leaders, human service center staff, service providers, non-profit organizations, medical/emergency room staff, and other interested persons)
- Constituents meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- Administrators meeting - 2 p.m. (for county directors/supervisors, human service center director, and Division of Juvenile Services)

### **Thursday, January 19, 2012**

- Exit interview - 1 to 2 p.m.

Stakeholders from Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Cyndi McIntee at North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway Ave., Suite 18, Minot, ND, 58701, fax 1-701-857-8555 or [cynmcintee@nd.gov](mailto:cynmcintee@nd.gov).

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