

# NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services

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## Department of Human Services' Vocational Rehabilitation Program Honors Employees

BISMARCK, ND – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation recently honored several employees for their work assisting North Dakotans with disabilities to obtain employment.

- **Candace Hanson**, Bismarck; **Becki Hoff**, Dickinson; and **Debra Carlson**, Jamestown, were recipients of the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement*. This award highlights the top 10 percent of counselors with the highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- **Joyce Halone**, Devils Lake; **Jacque Harder**, Fargo; and **Kristi Schindler**, Minot, were the recipients of the *Director's Award for Counselor Achievement – Honorable Mention*. This award honors counselors who have the second highest number of individuals placed into employment.
- For the second year in a row, **Becki Hoff** and her colleagues **Dena Sickler**, **Tammy Sattler**, **Kari Shea**, and **Elaine Wanner** from the Dickinson Vocational Rehabilitation office were recipients of the *Exemplary Service award*. This award recognizes outstanding case service to VR clients by showing creative thinking, direct work with multiple agencies, and consistent client follow-up.
- **Dena Sickler** of Dickinson was honored as the *Rookie of the Year*. This award honors a VR employee with less than two years of service who exceeds performance goals and displays a high level of community service and involvement.
- **Peter Yung** of Minot was honored with the *Director's Award for Excellence*. Yung was nominated for this prestigious award by his peers for demonstrating dedication, productivity, and dependability to the vocational rehabilitation program.

The North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation program's mission is to assist individuals with disabilities to maximize their employment opportunities and to assist business owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues.

Information on vocational rehabilitation services is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html) and is also available by calling 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, TTY 701-328-8968 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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