

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

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### **Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol Awards Grants for Substance Abuse Prevention**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. Jack Dalrymple announced today that the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol has awarded \$46,000 to community based projects that prevent alcohol and drug use among North Dakota youth.

West Dakota Parent and Family Resource Center in **Dickinson** will receive nearly \$24,000 to continue offering its Love and Logic Parent Education program in southwestern North Dakota. The center will partner with about 100 parents of adolescents to prevent the development of risky behavior.

The United School District 7, comprised of **Des Lacs/Burlington Public Schools**, will receive more than \$6,000 to implement two evidence-based prevention programs involving over 580 students of all ages. The programs will pair younger students with mentors to support healthy decision making by avoiding alcohol and drug use.

The North Dakota State University Office of Sponsored Program Administration of **Fargo** will receive about \$16,000 for hands-on training, tools, and other resources to help engage parents in age-appropriate conversation with their children about high risk behavior.

"We are seeing some positive changes in behaviors relating to binge drinking in our state," Dalrymple said. "These programs for the prevention of substance abuse can help us build on our progress for the betterment of our children and our communities."

The council will announce another round of grant funding later this year. North Dakota organizations eligible for grants include schools and school districts, institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, community, county, regional, multi-county, or statewide organizations, non-tribal and tribal government entities, and faith-based organizations.

The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council on Drugs and Alcohol leads a multi-system prevention effort that draws upon resources and talents at the community, state, and federal levels. The council has launched the "Not Our Kids" campaign and other initiatives, which support efforts to prevent substance abuse.

For more information on the grants, contact chairperson JoAnne Hoesel of the N.D. Department of Human Services' Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division at 701-328-8920, ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888, or [jhoesel@nd.gov](mailto:jhoesel@nd.gov).

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