

# **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 Devils Lake June 26-28**

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 June 26-28, 2012, at the Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy. 2 SW in Devils Lake. The department invites constituents, child welfare service providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and other interested persons from the five-county region to discuss safety, permanency, and the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

“The ultimate goal of the stakeholder meetings is to gather insight from various individuals about the strengths they see in child welfare practices being carried out in this region, as well as areas where we can continue to improve services for children and families,” said Tara Muhlhauser, director of the Children and Family Services Division. “We focus our discussions on six major areas including child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation, and family connections and supports.”

Individuals attending one of the following scheduled stakeholder meetings should check-in at the front desk of the Lake Region Human Service Center prior to the meeting.

### **Tuesday, June 26, 2012**

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

### **Wednesday, June 27, 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 directors, and Division of Juvenile Services)

### **Thursday, June 28, 2012**

- Exit interview - 1 to 2 p.m.

Stakeholders from Benson, Cavalier, Ramsey, Rolette, and Towner counties unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Linda Kadlec at Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy. 2 SW, Devils Lake, ND, 58301-0650, fax 701-665-2300, or [lrkadlec@nd.gov](mailto:lrkadlec@nd.gov).