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Dept. of Human Services to Provide Funding for Substance Abuse Recovery Events

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services invites communities and organizations in North Dakota to apply for funding to host public events that raise awareness and support substance abuse recovery and prevention.

“Recovery events are the cornerstone of recovery month,” said JoAnne Hoesel, director of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. “These community events, no matter how large or small, provide a platform to spread a positive message about the benefits of recovery.”

Communities, schools, non-profit organizations, county, regional, multi-county, or statewide organizations; non-tribal and tribal entities, faith-based organizations, and other interested groups can apply for \$500 to help cover costs associated with holding a recovery event.

Entities interested in applying for the funding should contact Dawn Pearson, program administrator for the division at dpearson@nd.gov, 701-328-8920 or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Hoesel said funding from previous years has been used for a variety of events that engage youth and their families including rallies, concerts with recovery speakers, outdoor walks and runs, and other wellness activities.

The N.D. Department of Human Services provides public mental health and substance abuse evaluation and treatment services to adults, children, and families, and serves as a resource and lead agency for substance abuse prevention efforts.

To locate a private or public licensed substance abuse treatment program in North Dakota, go online to <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/TreatmentLocator/faces/quickSearch.jspx>. For more information on the department's substance abuse prevention, go to www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/prevention/index.html.

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