

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

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## **Human Services Seeking Comments on Vocational Rehabilitation Services**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the N.D. State Rehabilitation Council are sponsoring a community meeting in Dickinson on Tuesday, March 5, 2013, from 2 to 4 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at City Hall, 99 Second St. E. The public is invited to share comments and insight into vocational rehabilitation employment services for people with disabilities.

"Every year, we host community meetings to hear directly from stakeholders, providers, and others interested in vocational rehabilitation needs in the state," said Russ Cusack, director of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. "The feedback we collect helps shape our division's state plan, which outlines program priorities for the upcoming year."

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids or other services to participate in the meeting, should contact Kari Shea at 701-227-7600, 888-227-7525, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

Written comments will also be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013. They can be sent to Amber Stiefel, N.D. Department of Human Services' Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, Bismarck, ND 58501 or [astiefel@nd.gov](mailto:astiefel@nd.gov).

The 2012 Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/policies/state.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/policies/state.html). It can also be obtained by calling 701-328-8950, 800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

North Dakota is a leader in the employment of people with disabilities. The Vocational Rehabilitation program offers training and employment support services that help people with disabilities become and remain employed. It also assists business owners and employers in finding solutions to disability-related issues. Information is also online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html).

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