

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

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### **Child and Family Services Review Stakeholder Meetings to be held in Dickinson Oct. 14-16**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division is conducting a Child and Family Services Review and holding stakeholder meetings Oct. 14-16, 2014, at Woods Hall on the campus of Dickinson State University, 291 Campus Dr., in Dickinson. The department invites constituents, child welfare service providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and other interested persons from the eight-county region to discuss safety, permanency, and the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

"These community meetings are an opportunity for people who work with children and families in different capacities to share their insight on how child welfare services are provided in the Dickinson region, as well as ways to strengthen the service delivery system to best meet the needs of children and their families," said Shari Doe, director of the Children and Family Services Division.

Stakeholder meeting attendees should enter Woods Hall through the south door of the building. Meetings are scheduled for these dates and times:

#### **Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014**

- Case managers meeting - 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time
- Legal and court officials meeting - 12 p.m. Mountain Time
- Education professionals meeting - 3:45 p.m. Mountain Time
- Foster parents meeting - 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time (county and therapeutic foster care)

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014**

- Community members meeting - 10 a.m. Mountain Time (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 public meeting - 11:45 a.m. Mountain Time
- Administrators meeting - 2 p.m. Mountain Time (for county directors/supervisors, human service center directors, and Division of Juvenile Services supervisors)

#### **Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014**

- Exit interview - 1 to 2 p.m. Mountain Time

Individuals needing auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Kirsten Hansen at 701-227-7547 or toll free 888-227-7525.

Stakeholders from Adams, Billings, Bowman, Dunn, Golden Valley, Hettinger, Slope, and Stark counties who are unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Kirsten Hansen at Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. W., Suite 1, Dickinson, N.D., 58601, fax 701-227-7575, or [krhansen@nd.gov](mailto:krhansen@nd.gov).

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