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North Dakota Family-Based Services Conference to be Held in Fargo March 26-28

Bismarck, N.D. – “North Dakota’s Changing Landscape: Embracing and Empowering our Diverse Families” is the theme of the 26th annual N.D. Family-Based Services Association Conference March 26-28, 2014, at the Fargo’s Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave. S. The conference will feature local, regional, and national experts on child and adolescent mental health, as well as other issues relating to children and families. The event is sponsored by the N.D. Department of Human Services’ Children and Family Services Division and Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Division.

The three-day conference will include various educational sessions on topics including the benefits of proper nutrition on mental health, chronic stress and its impact on families, links between domestic violence and child abuse, drug trends among teenagers, proper etiquette when testifying in court, changing family dynamics, culture of poverty, and other topics relating to mental health disorders.

A pre-conference workshop on March 25 from 1 to 5 p.m. will focus on identifying, reporting, and preventing elder abuse in North Dakota.

The conference is open to mental health counselors and clinicians, licensed addiction counselors, social workers, child welfare professionals, providers, juvenile justice personnel, and others. Professionals who work with children and families are encouraged to attend.

Continuing education credits are available for licensed social workers.

Information on the conference including online registration and a schedule of events is online at www.ndfbsa.org. Registration fees are \$65 for the pre-conference, \$85 for single day registration on Wednesday and Thursday, \$65 for single day registration on Friday, and \$155 for the entire conference.

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