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**State Council on Developmental Disabilities offers grant writing training**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the N.D. Protection and Advocacy Project, and the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities are hosting grant writing training sessions in Williston, Jamestown, and Grand Forks, N.D., in April.

The training focuses on the Council's grant application process and is available at no cost to advocates, self-advocates, provider agencies, community services staff, local, regional and state agency staff, and others interested in disability services. Preregistration is required.

Interested individuals are invited to participate in one of the following training sessions.

**Tuesday, April 1, 2014**

- **Williston**, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., Northwest Human Service Center, 316 2nd Ave. W., 3rd floor, Room 314. *Registered participants should check-in at the front desk.*

**Monday, April 7, 2014**

- **Jamestown**, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Anne Carlsen Center, 701 3rd Street N.W., Sunroom

**Tuesday, April 29, 2014**

- **Grand Forks**, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. 4th St., 5th floor, Rooms D and E

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities awards grants annually to support innovative projects and services that enhance opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Last year, the Council awarded \$298,993 in grants.

"This training will help people write competitive grant applications to fund projects that could change the lives of people with disabilities in their community," said Council Executive Director Cheryl Hess.

Hess said the training provides an overview of the Council, and instruction on understanding a request for proposal, developing an idea into a fundable application, writing and editing a proposal, formatting and presentation techniques, and developing and justifying a budget. The training will be led by professionals from the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities who have extensive experience in grant development and writing, grant financial management, and project coordination.

To preregister, contact the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities at 800-233-1737, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or [susie.mack@minotstateu.edu](mailto:susie.mack@minotstateu.edu).

The council consists of over 20 members appointed by the governor and includes people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of individuals with disabilities, and state agencies and other providers of services and supports to people with disabilities. Information about the council is online at [www.ndcpd.org/SCDD](http://www.ndcpd.org/SCDD).

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