

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505**

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## **Child and Family Services Review Stakeholder Meetings to be held in Fargo Sept. 16-18**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division is conducting a Child and Family Services Review and holding stakeholder meetings Sept. 16-18, 2014, at Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., in Fargo. The department invites constituents, child welfare service providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and other interested persons from the six-county region to discuss safety, permanency, and the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

"The stakeholder meetings focus on child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation, family connections and supports," said Shari Doe, director of the Children and Family Services Division. "The information we gather will be used to evaluate how child welfare services are provided in this region, focusing on available services, reducing barriers, and strengthening the service delivery system."

Stakeholder meeting attendees should check-in at the front desk of the human service center. Meetings are scheduled for these dates and times.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014**

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

### **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014**

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

### **Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014**

- Exit interview - 1 to 2 p.m.

Individuals needing auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Linda Jaeger at 701-298-4411 or toll free 888-342-4900.

Stakeholders from Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill counties who are unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Linda Jaeger at Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Fargo, N.D., 58103-2350, fax 701-239-7220, or [ltjaeger@nd.gov](mailto:ltjaeger@nd.gov).

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