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Independent Living Council to meet Nov. 1-2 in Minot

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that promotes full community participation, including independent living, of people with disabilities is meeting Nov. 1-2 at the Holiday Inn Riverside, 2200 E. Burdick Expressway, in Minot.

Council members are seeking public input on services from people with disabilities who have benefitted from independent living services. The meeting begins at 1 p.m. with information about the Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living conference, continuity of operation planning, followed by the public input session at 2:30 p.m. Standing committees will meet afterwards.

On Thursday, council members will discuss a proposal, and directors of the four regional centers for independent living will provide reports. Standing committees will provide updates on their work.

The public is welcome to attend. The complete meeting agenda is online at <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2017/11-1-statewide-independent-living-council-meeting.pdf>.

Annually about 20,000 North Dakotans receive independent living services so they can live and work more independently in their homes and communities. Core services include information and referral, independent living skills training, peer mentoring, advocacy and transition services to assist people with disabilities to move from nursing homes or other institutions into the community and to assist youth with disabilities as they transition from school life to adulthood.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting or who would like more information can contact the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, North Dakota Department of Human Services, at 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1B, Bismarck, N.D., 58501, 701-328-8950, toll-free 800-755-2745, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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