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Council focused on coordinating services for children with disabilities to meet Sept. 7-8 in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services on early intervention services for young children with disabilities is meeting later this week at the Comfort Inn in Bismarck.

On Thursday, Sept. 7, council members will participate in an orientation program from 1 to 5 p.m. On Friday, council members will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. to review available Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) data for North Dakota and to discuss the use of data to guide continuous improvement efforts. All states are required to submit data to the federal government on children with disabilities receiving early intervention services.

Afterwards, the North Dakota Department of Human Services will provide a state update. ICC members will also discuss strategies and procedures supporting an effective, successful council and will participate in group work on the 2017-2018 ICC work plan.

The full meeting agenda is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals who need assistance to participate in the meeting or who would like more information can contact the Developmental Disabilities Division at 701-328-8930, toll-free 800-755-8529, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or cperkins@nd.gov.

Interagency Coordinating Council information is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/services/disabilities/earlyintervention/ndicc/ndicc-index.html.

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