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## **Independent Living Council to meet Feb. 7-8 in Bismarck**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota’s Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) that promotes full community participation and independent living of people with disabilities is meeting Feb. 7-8 at the Radisson Inn, 605 E Broadway Ave., in Bismarck.

As part of its quarterly meeting, the council is holding a public input forum on Feb. 7 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. Council members encourage people with disabilities who have benefitted from independent living services to attend and comment on services. Lawmakers have been invited to participate in the public forum. Afterwards, members will review the results of a self-assessment and needs assessment, and standing committees will meet to conduct business.

On Feb. 8, a representative from the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency will give a presentation on North Dakota housing at 9 a.m. That report will be followed by updates from the directors of the independent living centers and standing committee reports.

The public is welcome to attend. The complete meeting agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

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.

The governor appoints council members. Membership information is available online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=48>.

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