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## **Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to meet Feb. 12**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota's Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, Feb. 12, from 1 to 5 p.m. Central Time, in Bismarck and via video conference sites across the state to continue its ongoing planning and review of services available for people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and their families.

The task force meeting is open to the public and will originate from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Prairie Hills Plaza location in the Prairie Room, 1237 W. Divide Ave., in Bismarck. Attendees should enter through Door 2 facing Divide Avenue.

Advocates, parents and other interested individuals can also participate at these video conference sites:

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy. 2 W., East Conference Room;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, Basement General Staff Conference Room;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Prairie Rose Room;
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., West Conference Center;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317;
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Room 411; and
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room A200.

The department's Autism Services Unit will provide an update on the budget and utilization of current services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders, and task force members will share autism-related updates and will discuss progress on the ASD State Plan. Members will also discuss a survey, out-of-home placement, strategies for working with schools to prevent suspensions, and an adult program. Other topics may be discussed.

Members of the public can also comment on autism-related issues. The meeting agenda is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

People who would like information about joining the meeting via conference call, or who need accommodations to participate should contact Krista Fremming prior to the meeting at 701-328-2342, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or [krfremming@nd.gov](mailto:krfremming@nd.gov).

The legislature created the task force in 2009, and members are appointed by the governor. Autism services information is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html).

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