

NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services

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Department of Human Services Holding Stakeholder Meetings

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services is holding stakeholder meetings across the state between January 24 and February 10, 2006. Meetings are scheduled in Bismarck, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Minot, and Williston. Organizations and individuals involved in the delivery of human services in North Dakota are invited to attend and to discuss community needs, capacity, and resources.

“Our goal is to identify broad areas of interest and to seek ideas and recommendations from our partners,” said Department Executive Director Carol K. Olson. “The discussion will help shape the department’s strategic planning efforts and its 2007-2009 budget.”

The department administers programs such as child protection services, child support enforcement, disability services, food stamps, foster care, economic assistance, Medicaid, the children’s health insurance program, children’s special health services, mental health and substance abuse treatment services, and aging services including senior meals and related services. The Developmental Center and the State Hospital are part of the department along with the eight regional human service centers, which provide mental health and substance abuse treatment and other human services.

The department, counties, and other public and private organizations deliver human services in North Dakota.

2006 Stakeholder Meeting Schedule:

- Jan. 24, 10 a.m., West Central Human Service Center, Conference Room, 1237 West Divide Ave., Suite 5, **Bismarck**
- Jan. 25, 10 a.m. (MDT), Badlands Human Service Center, 200 Pulver Hall, **Dickinson**
- Jan. 26, 10 a.m., Psychosocial Club, 212 2nd St. W., **Williston**
- Jan. 27, 10 a.m., North Central Human Service Center Auditorium, 400 22nd Ave. N.W., **Minot**
- Feb. 7, 10 a.m., South Central Human Service Center, Rooms 124-126, 520 3rd St. N.W., **Jamestown**
- Feb. 8, 10 a.m., Ramsey County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, 524 Fourth Ave. N.E., **Devils Lake**
- Feb. 9, 10 a.m., Grand Forks County Office Building, 6th Floor Conference Room, 151 S. Fourth St., **Grand Forks**
- Feb. 10, 10 a.m., Kelly Inn Meeting Room, I-29 & Main Ave., **Fargo**

Regional human service center directors and members of the department’s leadership cabinet are hosting the meetings. Individuals who need accommodations to participate should contact their local human service center or TTY 701-328-3480.

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