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**Reminder: Deadline Approaching to Apply for Funds from
State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The deadline to apply for grant funding from North Dakota's State Council on Developmental Disabilities is July 16, 2010. The council supports and provides funding for projects and activities that enhance opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families. Interested organizations can obtain a grant application and information online at www.ndscdd.org, by calling 701-328-4847 or e-mail apena@nd.gov.

The 19-member council distributes funds annually through a grant process. Private agencies, non-profit organizations, licensed developmental disability providers, along with state and local government agencies, and other entities are eligible to apply.

Last year the council approved 15 grants totaling over \$451,000 for projects and services that supported the council's four areas of emphasis: employment, education, early intervention, and community supports for persons with developmental disabilities.

Council members include individuals with developmental disabilities, parents and other immediate relatives, guardians, representatives from the North Dakota Department of Human Services and its Developmental Center, Job Service North Dakota, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Health, the Protection and Advocacy Project, and the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University. Community-based service providers are also represented.

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