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**Halloran hired as Options Counselor for the Aging and Disability
Resource Center**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services announces Katherine Halloran is the new options counselor for the new Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) pilot project in Bismarck. The ADRC assists older adults, adults with physical disabilities, and their family members to learn about long-term care and supportive services available in Burleigh County.

In her new role, Halloran will be a resource for individuals and families who need help locating programs and services to assist them in living independently in their homes and in the community. Options counseling involves helping individuals identify their goals and preferences, review each of the options available, and to encourage planning for future long-term support needs. Halloran will also work with service providers to help individuals who might not qualify for publically funded programs or services. She can be reached at 701-328-8606.

Halloran has a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Mary and is a licensed social worker. Previously, she worked in the St. Alexius Home Health and Hospice Program where she assisted older individuals with independent living options.

The ADRC is funded by a three-year federal grant the department received in fall 2009. It's currently serving individuals in Burleigh County. The ADRC will expand services to Morton, Oliver, Emmons and Kidder counties in the spring of 2011, and to Grant, McLean, Mercer, Sheridan and Sioux counties in 2012.

Halloran's office is located in the Aging Services Unit at the West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck. She joins Lynette Hinckley, the ADRC program administer, and Cherry Schmidt, the regional aging services program administrator, who supervises the ADRC.

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