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Child and Family Services Review Stakeholder Meetings to be held in Grand Forks August 16-18

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division is hosting a Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) and stakeholder meetings August 16-18, 2011, at the Grand Forks County Social Services, second floor of the Grand Forks County Office Building, 151 South Fourth St., Suite 200. The department invites consumers, constituents, providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and others from the four-county region to discuss safety, permanency, and well-being of children in the child welfare system.

“The stakeholder meetings focus on child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation, and family support,” said Tara Muhlhauser, director of the Children and Family Services Division. “The information we gather will be used to evaluate services, reduce barriers, and strengthen the service delivery system.”

Scheduled stakeholder meetings include:

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

- Case managers - 9:30 a.m.
- Legal and court officials - 12:00 p.m.
- School/Education professionals - 3:30 p.m.
- Foster parents - 6:30 p.m. (county foster care and therapeutic foster care)

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

- Community members - 10:00 a.m. (lay guardians ad litem, public health, law enforcement, religious leaders, human service center staff, providers, non-profit organizations, and medical/emergency room staff)
- Constituents - 11:45 a.m.
- Administrators - 2:00 p.m. (county directors/supervisors, human service center director, and juvenile services)

Thursday, August 18, 2011

- Exit interview - 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

There will also be a stakeholder meeting for youth who have been in the foster care system on August 16, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Kvasager Learning Center, 1802 Continental Dr., Grand Forks.

Stakeholders from Grand Forks, Nelson, Pembina, and Walsh counties unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Scot Hoeper at Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Grand Forks, ND 58201, fax 701-795-3050, or shoeper@nd.gov.

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