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Child and Family Services Review Stakeholder Meetings to be held in Williston November 12-14

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Children and Family Services Division is conducting Child and Family Services Review and holding stakeholder meetings Nov. 12-14, 2013, in the Lobby Conference Room of the Williams County Social Service Office, 110 W. Broadway, in Williston. The department invites constituents, child welfare service providers, educators, foster parents, advocates, administrators, and other interested persons from the three-county region and the Three Affiliated Tribes to discuss safety, permanency, and the well-being of children in the child welfare system.

"The stakeholder meetings focus on child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation, family connections and supports," said Shari Doe, director of the Children and Family Services Division. "The information we gather will be used to evaluate how child welfare services are provided in this region, focusing on available services, reducing barriers, and strengthening the service delivery system."

Individuals needing auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting can call Lois Reiersen at 701-774-6300. Stakeholder meetings are scheduled for these dates and times.

Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013

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

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2013

- Community members meeting - 10 a.m. (for lay guardians ad litem, public health staff, law enforcement officials, religious leaders, human service center staff, service providers, non-profit organizations, medical/emergency room staff, and other interested persons)
- Constituents meeting - 11:45 a.m.
- Administrators meeting - 2 p.m. (for county and tribal directors/supervisors, human service center directors, and Division of Juvenile Services)

Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013

- Exit interview - 1 to 2 p.m.

Stakeholders from Divide, McKenzie, and Williams counties and the Three Affiliated Tribes who are unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Jacqueline Teskey at Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Williston, N.D., fax 1-701-774-4620, or jgteskey@nd.gov.

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