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Grant Writing Training Focusing on Disability Services to be Held in Dickinson Feb. 13

BISMARCK, N.D. - The N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the N.D. Protection and Advocacy Project, and the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities will hold a grant writing training in Dickinson on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, from 1 to 4:30 p.m. (Mountain Standard Time) in the Fields Conference Room at Pulver Hall, 300 13th Ave. W. The training will focus primarily on aspects of the N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities grant application process.

“Each year, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities provides grant funding to support innovative projects and services that enhance opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families,” said Cheryl Hess, the council’s executive director. “This training will help people learn how to write top-notch grant applications for financial assistance that could change the lives of people with disabilities in their community.”

Participants will receive instruction on understanding a request for proposal, developing an idea into a fundable application, writing and editing a proposal, formatting and presentation techniques, and developing and justifying a budget. The training will be led by professionals from the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities who have extensive experience in grant development, preparation, and writing, finance management, and project coordination.

Hess said the training is open to local, regional and state agency staff, advocates, self-advocates, provider agencies, community services staff, and others interested in disability services grants.

There is no cost to attend the grant writing training, but preregistration is required by Feb. 11. People can preregister by contacting the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities at 800-233-1737, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or susie.mack@minotstate.edu.

Last year, the 19-member N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities awarded nine grants totaling over \$319,000 to five North Dakota organizations that serve individuals with developmental disabilities and family members. Grant funds are intended to support employment, education, early intervention, and community supports for persons with developmental disabilities.

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