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ND Children and Family Services Conference to be held in Bismarck July 23-25

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Children and Family Services Division of the N.D. Department of Human Services is sponsoring the Children and Family Services Conference July 23–25, 2013, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

The conference provides training, information, and skill development in the areas of child safety, permanency, and well-being. Anyone working in the child welfare system including social workers, counselors, foster and adoptive parents, therapists, team members, and others are encouraged to attend.

“This conference is a learning opportunity for various professionals who all share a common interest in the safety and well-being of children and families,” said Shari Doe, director of the Children and Family Services Division.

Pre-conference workshops on July 22 will feature training on the federal requirements used for child welfare quality assurance case practices, and how secondary trauma affects professionals who work with traumatized individuals.

The three-day conference starting July 23 will have numerous workshops led by regional and local speakers on topics including infant and early childhood mental health, psychotropic medications for children and adolescents in community and residential settings, peer mentors in child welfare, safe and stable reunifications, drugs and society, the effects of trauma and stress on young children, combat and operational stress facing military members and their families, and more.

People can register and obtain a conference schedule and other details online at <http://und.edu/centers/children-and-family-services-training-center/>.

Continuing education credits are available for social workers. Preregistration is encouraged, but registrations will be accepted at the door for the pre-conference or for one or all three days of the conference.

The conference is co-sponsored by the department and the University of North Dakota Children and Family Services Training Center.

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