

# **NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck ND 58505**

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## **Home and Community-Based Services Conference is April 8-9**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The N.D. Department of Human Services (DHS) and agencies that provide senior services are co-sponsoring a Symposium on Home and Community-Based Services, April 8-9, at the Radisson Hotel in Bismarck to provide training for professionals who work with older adults to help them live independently at home as their abilities change.

On Tuesday, April 8, the agenda features presentations on social work ethics and professional boundaries, personal workplace safety, motivational interviewing to guide client decision-making, and new innovations in assistive technology to help people maintain their independence. On April 9, conference speakers will focus on elder rights and adult protective services mandatory reporting, guardianship services, and mental health and substance abuse issues in later life. There will also be a panel discussion on supportive housing and a presentation on grief and loss for direct care workers.

Sponsors invite social workers, county home and community-based services case managers, options counselors, agency administrators, advocates, and others interested in services for older adults and adults with physical disabilities to attend. The conference has been approved for 12 social work continuing education units (CEUs) and 12 training hours for other professions.

Registration is \$50 per person. The deadline to register is Fri., March 28. A brochure containing conference details is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/aging.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/aging.html). Individuals needing accommodations, including special dietary needs, can contact Scott Hague in the department's Aging Services Division at 701-328-4648, [shague@nd.gov](mailto:shague@nd.gov), or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

For more information about services for older adults, go online to [www.carechoice.nd.gov](http://www.carechoice.nd.gov), or call North Dakota's Aging and Disability Resource-LINK at 1-855-GO2-LINK (toll free 1-855-462-5465), ND Relay TTY 1-800-366-6888 for people with disabilities who are text telephone users, or email [carechoice@nd.gov](mailto:carechoice@nd.gov). Resource LINK phone calls are answered Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Time.

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