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**Council on Developmental Disabilities grant writing training rescheduled  
and moved from Williston to Minot**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities' grant-writing training session originally set for April 1 in Williston, N.D., but disrupted due to poor road and weather conditions, has been rescheduled and moved to Minot. The training will be held Thursday, May 1, 2014, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Minot State University's Administration Building.

Co-sponsored by the N.D. State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the N.D. Protection and Advocacy Project, and the N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities (NDCPD), the training focuses on the council's annual grant application process. Last year the council awarded \$298,993 in grants to support projects and services enhancing opportunities for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Organizers invite advocates, self-advocates, provider agencies, community services staff, local, regional and state agency staff, and others interested in services for people with disabilities to attend. There is no cost, but preregistration is required. To preregister, contact the NDCPD at 800-233-1737, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [Susie.mack@minotstateu.edu](mailto:Susie.mack@minotstateu.edu).

The training will be led by N.D. Center for Persons with Disabilities staff members experienced in grant development and writing, financial management, and project coordination. Trainers will provide information about the council, and 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 same training is also being offered in Jamestown today, April 7, 2014, and in Grand Forks on Tuesday, April 29.

The council consists of over 20 members appointed by the governor and includes people with disabilities, parents, guardians or immediate relatives of individuals with disabilities, and state agencies and other providers of services and supports to people with disabilities. Information about the council is online at [www.ndcpd.org/SCDD](http://www.ndcpd.org/SCDD).

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