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People with Autism and their family members invited to enter logo design contest

BISMARCK, N.D. – The N.D. Department of Human Services' Autism Services Program invites people with autism and their family members to design a logo for the state's first N.D. State Autism Spectrum Disorders Conference scheduled Oct. 20-22, 2014, in Bismarck.

Entries must be postmarked by July 4, 2014, and should reflect the conference theme, "Getting Started," and should depict how autism impacts lives. Organizers will accept entries created in any art medium and will adapt entries to a digitized image to fit the conference needs. Contest details are online at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/docs/2014-autism-conference-contest.pdf>.

Please submit entries to Special Education Coordinator – Lynn Dodge, Ed.D, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201, Bismarck, N.D. 58505. Individuals with questions should contact conference coordinator Lisa McNamara at 701-231-5376.

People will be able to view entries and vote online to select the contest winner July 15-31 at <http://ndsu.me/autismconfcontest>. The winner will be announced August 15. The winning artist will be able to choose one prize from a selection that includes Target and Walmart gift cards, and tickets to zoos, fairs, or other events and venues around the state.

For information about the contest, conference, and autism services provided by the N.D. Department of Human Services, check out <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html> or contact Trisha Page in the Autism Services Unit, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Suite 1C, Bismarck, ND 58501-1208, phone: 701-328-8949, toll free: 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY: 800-366-6888 or tpage@nd.gov.

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