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TEMPORARY CLOSURE - North Central Human Service Center in Minot temporarily closed today, Oct. 9

BISMARCK, ND - The North Dakota Department of Human Services' North Central Human Service Center (NCHSC) and local Vocational Rehabilitation office located at 1015 S. Broadway in Minot are temporarily closed this morning due to a furnace malfunction.

The precaution is being taken to assure safe carbon monoxide levels. MDU and Minot Fire Department personnel are on-hand to assess the situation and ventilate the center.

The closure affects on-site services at North Central Human Service Center. Case managers and other staff who work with clients in the community will meet with clients today as scheduled.

Individuals with scheduled afternoon appointments are encouraged to call the center at 857-8500 to ensure the office has reopened.

The regional human service center's 24-hour client crisis line remains available at 701-857-8500 or toll-free at 888-470-6968.

NCHSC employs about 140 people and serves residents of Bottineau, Burke, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville, and Ward counties. Services include community-based behavioral health services, program management for people with developmental disabilities, aging services, and other services.

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