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## **Grants to support autism training are available**

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Autism Services Division invites agencies and organizations in the state to apply for small grants of up to \$1,500 to support community autism training activities. The department is accepting applications now through June 1, 2015.

"Our goal is to promote autism education at the community level in North Dakota," said Autism Services Coordinator Trisha Page.

She said funds can be used for service provider training, parent education, first responder training, peer-to-peer education, and related efforts. Grant recipients cannot use grant funding as sustaining funds for existing programs.

Applicants must complete planned activities before June 30, 2015, and must submit an event report by the end of July. Organizations can apply for no more than one grant in each human service administrative region. Because the department has eight administrative regions, a statewide organization could potentially be awarded up to eight grants.

Information and a short one-page grant application are online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html).

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Autism Services Division administers the Medicaid autism waiver, an autism voucher program, and supports statewide training. Information is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/index.html) or by contacting the division at 1237 W. Divide Avenue, Suite 1C, Bismarck, N.D., 58501-1208, 701-328-8912, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888 or via e-mail at [dhsautism@nd.gov](mailto:dhsautism@nd.gov).

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