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May 18 meeting to focus on helping youth with disabilities successfully transition to independent living

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Transition to Independence Advisory Committee that advises the North Dakota Department of Human Services (DHS) on services and public policy to help young people with disabilities transition to adult services, will meet Monday, May 18, from 1 to 4 p.m., Central Time, at West Central Human Service Center in Bismarck.

Advocates, service providers, agency representatives, members of the public, and other people interested in the coordination of services for young people with disabilities are welcome to attend the meeting at 1237 W. Divide Ave. Attendees should enter the building through Door #4 from Schafer Street.

The meeting agenda includes updates from committee members including Transition to Independence Program facilitators at the department's eight regional human service centers. The committee will also review and discuss the strategic plan and next steps. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting and individuals who would like more information about the committee, its work, and the meeting, can contact Stacie Dailey, Mental Health Lead, DHS Behavioral Health Division, at 701-328-8941, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or sdailey@nd.gov.

The Transition to Independence Advisory Committee includes transition-age youth, service providers, and representatives from DHS, the North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation – Division of Juvenile Services, the North Dakota University System, North Dakota Juvenile Court system, and other stakeholders.

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