

**NEWS from the North Dakota Department of Human Services
600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck ND 58505**

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Human Services Seeking Comments on Child Care Development Fund

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Economic Assistance Division will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Central Time, to gather public comments on the draft Child Care Development Fund State Plan. The plan focuses on the Child Care Assistance program, child care health and safety standards, and quality improvement activities.

The public is invited to participate in the meeting by use of video conference from any one of these locations:

- **Bismarck** – West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Door 4, Burleigh Room
- **Devils Lake** – Lake Region State College, 1801 College Dr., Northwest entrance Main Building, Room 171
- **Dickinson** – Dickinson State University, 291 Campus Dr., Murphy Hall, Room 202
- **Fargo** – Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 9th Ave. S., Red River Room
- **Grand Forks** – University of North Dakota, 264 Centennial Dr., Gamble Hall, Room 130
- **Minot** – Minot State University, 500 University Ave W., Administration Building, Room 359
- **Valley City** – Valley City State University, 101 College St. S.E., Rhoades Hall, Room 101
- **Williston** – Williston State College, 1410 University Ave., Stevens Hall, Room 120

Individuals who need accommodations, including auxiliary aids or other services to participate in the meeting, can call Nadine Philp by 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25, 2016, at 701-328-2332, toll free 800-755-2716, Relay ND TTY 800-366-6888, or dhseap@nd.gov.

Written comments about the draft state plan will also be accepted until 5 p.m., Central Time, on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. Comments can be sent to the North Dakota Department of Human Services - Economic Assistance Division, Attn: Samantha O'Brien, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505 or skobrien@nd.gov or reberhardt@nd.gov.

The draft Child Care Development Fund State Plan is available online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/childcarepub.html. A copy can be obtained by calling 701-328-2332, toll free 800-755-2716, or ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888.

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