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Training series on brain injury offered for professionals

BISMARCK, N.D. - The North Dakota Brain Injury Network and North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division are offering a monthly training series beginning Jan. 21, for professionals who work with people with brain injuries. Training will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month through April 21, 2016. Training will be held at designated sites using the state video conferencing system.

Rebecca Quinn, program director for the North Dakota Brain Injury Network at the University of North Dakota's Center for Rural Health, said the first training on Jan. 21, will focus on new developments in brain injury in North Dakota and will include an overview of available services. The Center for Persons with Disabilities at Minot State University will also share information about the upcoming statewide brain injury needs assessment.

The Feb. 18 session will focus on screening for brain injury including the instruments used and benefits of screening. Department representatives will discuss the screening conducted at its regional human service centers. On March 17, professionals will discuss brain injury as a co-occurring behavioral health condition.

The final session on April 21 will address how a brain injury can impact a person's ability to access services and how services can be adapted to accommodate a brain injury and individual needs.

Professionals can sign up for sessions and see training details at https://und.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6SvWY6TYk1KAVRb. Social work continuing education units are available along with general certificates for other professional disciplines, Quinn said.

These locations have been reserved for the Jan. 21 training:

- Bismarck: West Central Human Service Center, 1237 W. Divide Ave., Oliver Conference Room,
- Devils Lake: Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy 2 W., East Conference Room,
- Dickinson: Dickinson State University, Murphy Hall, Room 117, and DHS Vocational Rehabilitation Office, 1674 15th St. W., Unit E.,
- Fargo: Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Red River Room,
- Grand Forks: Northeast Human Service Center, 151 Fourth St., Room 5E,
- Jamestown: South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 124,
- Minot: North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Ste. 18, Room 411, and
- Williston: Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Conference Room B200.

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