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## **Fargo Vocational Rehabilitation Office moves to new location**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Department of Human Services Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Division’s regional office that serves southeastern North Dakota has moved to a new office location at 1655 43<sup>rd</sup> St. S., Suite 208, in Fargo.

The regional office provides vocational counseling, training, and other employment-related services to people with disabilities and helps employers hire and retain qualified employees, and realize the benefits of accessible worksites and a diverse workforce.

Curt Markel, regional administrator of the Fargo VR office, said the new office location has a number of benefits. It has space that can be dedicated to group training, is close to retail businesses that could offer employment opportunities for some VR clients, and is located conveniently for people who use public transit.

“We now have space for VR counselors to conduct group training for clients on basic computer skills, effective job searches, and soft skills desired by employers, as well as other workforce needs,” Markel said. “We also have space dedicated for vocational assessments where we can work with clients using a curriculum to help them identify aptitudes, interests, and vocational goals that we then can match up to local workforce needs.”

The VR office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Dakota residents can contact the office at 701-298-4459, toll-free 888-342-4900, Relay ND TTY at 1-800-366-6888, or [cmarkel@nd.gov](mailto:cmarkel@nd.gov).

During the last federal fiscal, the VR Division’s Fargo office served about 636 individuals from the six-county region that includes Cass, Ransom, Richland, Sargent, Steele, and Traill counties.

Additional information about North Dakota VR services is available on the Web at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/dvr/index.html>.

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