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## **Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force to meet Sept. 26**

BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota's Autism Spectrum Disorder Task Force will meet Monday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central Time, in Bismarck and via video conference sites across the state to discuss developments in services for children with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

The meeting is open to the public and will originate from the North Dakota Department of Human Services' Meeting Room D, located on the third floor of the Judicial Wing, State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., in Bismarck.

Advocates, parents, and other interested individuals can also participate at these remote sites:

- **Devils Lake:** Lake Region Human Service Center, 200 Hwy. 2 W., North Meeting Room;
- **Dickinson:** Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Ave. W., Suite 1, Basement General Staff Conference Room;
- **Fargo:** Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Ave. S., Prairie Rose Room;
- **Grafton:** Life Skills and Transition Center, 701 W. Sixth St., West Conference Center;
- **Grand Forks:** Northeast Human Service Center, 151 S. Fourth St., Suite 401, Room 5E;
- **Jamestown:** South Central Human Service Center, 520 Third St. N.W., Room 317;
- **Minot:** North Central Human Service Center, 1015 S. Broadway, Suite 18, Room 411, and
- **Williston:** Northwest Human Service Center, 316 Second Ave. W., Room B200.

At the meeting, members will hear updates from the North Dakota Department of Health, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, the North Dakota Protection and Advocacy Project, and multiple divisions of the Department of Human Services including the Autism Services Unit of the Medical Services Division.

Task force members will also have an opportunity to provide updates. Members of the public can comment on autism-related issues during a designated public comment period toward the end of the meeting. The meeting agenda is available online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

People with disabilities who need accommodations, such as auxiliary aids, to participate in the meeting can contact Kathy Barchenger at 701-328-4630, toll-free 800-755-2719, ND Relay TTY 800-366-6888, or [kbarchenger@nd.gov](mailto:kbarchenger@nd.gov).

The legislature created the task force in 2009, and members are appointed by the governor. Information is online at <http://governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=131>.

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