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ND Children's Cabinet to meet tomorrow in Bismarck

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Children's Cabinet will meet Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Peace Garden Room at the state Capitol in Bismarck. The public is welcome to attend.

The agenda includes a presentation on a federal law that will allow the state to access federal funds for evidence-based child welfare prevention services and an update on the state's juvenile justice system study. A representative from the North Dakota Department of Health will provide an overview of its special health services that improve the health and well-being of young people with special health care needs and their families.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction will share the state's education strategic vision, and a representative from the North Dakota Department of Human Services will provide information about the new human service zones and the opportunities they offer for children and families. There will also be a presentation from the North Dakota Autism Spectrum Disorder Advocacy Coalition.

The cabinet has reserved time for public comment at about 11:40 a.m. A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/2020/2-26-nd-childrens-cabinet-meeting-notice.pdf.

The public should enter the state Capitol through the south (tunnel) public entrance. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting can contact Julie Huwe at 701-328-8920, 711 (TTY) or jhuwe@nd.gov.

The 12-member Children's Cabinet was created by 2019 Senate Bill No. 2313 to assess, guide and coordinate care for children across North Dakota branches of government and tribal nations. Cabinet members include legislators and representatives from various state agencies, the Governor's Office, the North Dakota Supreme Court and tribal nations. Other members appointed by the governor include parents, private service providers and other community partners.

Children's cabinet information is available online at <https://www.governor.nd.gov/boards/BoardDetails.aspx?boardid=179>.

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