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## **North Central Human Service Center to participate in Minot's community behavioral health resource event on June 17**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' North Central Human Service Center will participate in Minot's "It Take a Village," community behavioral health resource event on Friday, June 17, 3-7 p.m. CT, at Roosevelt Park, 1215 E. Burdick Expressway, at Shelter No. 2 and band shell area. The event aims to raise awareness about available behavioral health resources in the Minot region.

"We are excited to be a part of a collaborative effort that brings together in one place a variety of behavioral health professionals with the same mission of helping people improve their quality of life," said John Butgereit, the center's director. "It takes all of us working together to support the behavioral health needs of our community."

There will be over 25 booths featuring public and private behavioral health providers and professionals, where attendees can ask questions and learn more about services that could benefit them or a loved one.

The department's Behavioral Health Division will be on hand to share information about Parents Lead and statewide recovery support services, including the Substance Use Disorder Voucher, Free Through Recovery, Community Connect and other resources. First District Health Unit will provide training on how to administer naloxone and will distribute it for opioid overdose prevention.

The event will also have music, food and entertainment. It's free and open to the public.

NCHSC is a behavioral health clinic that serves people with serious and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders, including pregnant women and others who use intravenous drugs.

The center provides 24-hour behavioral health crisis services that includes a 211 phone line, mobile response and walk-in support, and care at a newly expanded crisis stabilization unit. NCHSC also provides a comprehensive set of in-home and community-based services for adults and youth and their families using specialized teams of professionals. Services include case management, therapy, medication management, care coordination, peer support and other services. The center also offers walk-in assessments and triage services during business hours.

Butgereit said the center is prioritizing in-home and community-based behavioral health services with the goal of providing half of these services in people's homes, work locations, schools and other community settings instead of in a clinic setting.

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In 2021, NCHSC provided behavioral health services to about 2,500 adults and 390 youth and their families who live in Burke, Bottineau, McHenry, Mountrail, Pierce, Renville and Ward counties including the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation.

Anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis should call 211 for immediate help 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays. Learn more at [www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/crisis](http://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/crisis).

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