

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The N.D. Department of Human Services - Children and Family Services Division is conducting a **Child and Family Services Review from October 19-21 in Region VIII** (Dickinson service region). The purpose of the review is to obtain information from child welfare stakeholders about Region VIII's program strengths, as well as opportunities for improvement. Areas of interest include the quality of child welfare services provided, the outcomes of child welfare services, and any needs or barriers related to child welfare service provision.

Unless otherwise noted, Stakeholder Meetings will be held at Stark County Social Services, 664 12 St. W., Dickinson, N.D. Individuals and agencies are invited to attend.

Stakeholder meetings will focus on child protection services, foster care, adoption, family preservation and family support. Information obtained will be used to evaluate services, reduce barriers, and focus on the service delivery system.

Stakeholders unable to attend the meetings can send written comments to Lisa Giese at Badlands Human Service Center, 300 13th Avenue West, Suite 1, Dickinson, ND 58601, FAX 701-227-7575, email lgiese@nd.gov.

Meeting details:

CFSSR STAKEHOLDER SCHEDULE - Region VIII

TUESDAY

1. **Case managers** – 9:30 a.m. at Stark County Social Services (SCSS) (includes county, DJS)
2. **Legal/Court** – 12:00 p.m. at SCSS
3. **School/Education** – 3:30 p.m. at SCSS
4. **Foster parents** – 6:30 p.m. at SCSS (county and therapeutic foster care)

WEDNESDAY

1. **Community** – 10:00 a.m. at SCSS (lay guardians ad litem, public health, law enforcement, religious leaders, Human Service Center staff, AASK, PATH, The Village Family Service Center, Lutheran Social Services, Children's Advocacy Center, Community Action, Salvation Army, medical and emergency room staff, etc.)
2. **Constituents** – 11:45 a.m. at SCSS
3. **Administrators** – 2:00 p.m. at SCSS (includes County Directors, County Supervisors, DJS, Human Service Center Director)

THURSDAY

1. **Exit interview** – 1:00-2:00 p.m. at SCSS

NOTE: The Youth Stakeholder meeting has been scheduled by the CFS Training Center in cooperation with the Independent Living Administrator and the IL Coordinators in the region. It will be Wednesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch meeting room.

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