

Testimony
Health and Human Services Committee
Representative Robin Weisz, Chairman
March 23, 2010

Chairman Weisz and members of the Interim Health and Human Services Committee, I am Marilyn Rudolph, the Director of North Central Human Service Center in Minot. I am here today to respond to questions about the services and outcomes of the Oppen Home (Kay's Place) program.

Kay's Place (formerly the Oppen Home) is a residential group home serving girls 12 – 19 years of age. The home-like environment provides supervision, care and structure to adolescent girls who are in crisis. Kay's Place has seven beds.

Kay's Place provides independent living skills, health education, behavior management, labor coaching for pregnant teens, educational services, recreational services, psychiatric services, individual and group therapy services, outpatient drug and alcohol treatment and social skills education.

During the fiscal year of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, Kay's Place provided services to seventeen girls for a total of 1,508 client days. This is an average stay of eighty-nine days per girl. Eight of these girls were pregnant. Three of these girls transitioned to an extended family member's home, three transitioned to a PATH (therapeutic foster home with infant) and one to an independent apartment setting. One girl transferred to a private maternity home. Seven of the girls kept their babies. One girl placed her baby for adoption.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions.