



INTERIM HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
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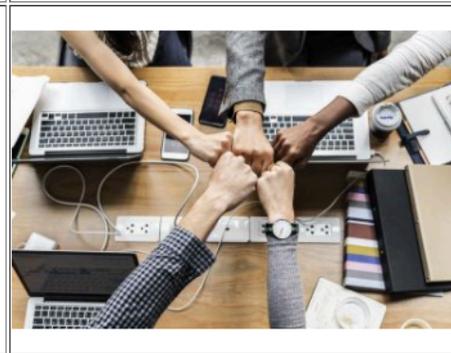
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AGENDA: DHS COVID PROGRAMMING

- Overview
- Vulnerable Population Protection Plan (VP3)
- Childcare Emergency Operations Grants (CEOG)
- Emergency Rent Bridge (ERB)
- Homelessness, Domestic Violence + Food Insecurity
- Behavioral Health
- Telehealth
- Medicaid

Human Services Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Resources

ND Human Services [Open Letter to Stakeholders](#) regarding COVID-19 (March 18, 2020)

			
<p>Behavioral Health</p>	<p>Resources for Individuals and Families Financial help and other resources</p>	<p>Provider Q & A Answers to FAQ by program area for providers of services funded through the department.</p>	<p>Housing and Homelessness Resources about housing and homelessness</p>
			
<p>Program & Policy Changes Program changes made in response to COVID-19</p>	<p>News & Notices Notices and department press releases on COVID-19</p>	<p>Provider Resources Sample guidance and other resources for providers of child care, foster care, developmental disabilities services and other services, and QSPs and Medicaid providers.</p>	<p>Child Care Providers Guidance and recommendations and information about the Child Care Emergency Operation Grant (CEOG) program.</p>

For IMPORTANT COVID-19 HEALTH INFORMATION, [visit the N.D. Department of Health Website](#). Find other state agency COVID-19 information: [NDResponse.gov](#)



VULNERABLE POPULATION PROTECTION PLAN (VP3)

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VULNERABLE POPULATION PROTECTION PLAN

- Focus is on congregate housing
- Enhanced efforts to support providers
- Hired LTC/Hospital leadership team
- Created connection to testing team
- Enhanced partnership between providers and state
- Created protocols to guide efforts



Childcare Emergency Operating Grant
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A background image showing children playing on a blue slide in a park. A young boy is sliding down, while a girl stands nearby. The scene is outdoors with trees and a grassy area.

Childcare is an essential service

All businesses need childcare

Childcare is not a model that can withstand disruption

Our ability to keep people working is dependent on childcare

To help address childcare needs in ND

Modified Operating Practices

Prioritize Health, Safety & Lifeline Workers

Childcare Emergency Op Grant to support continuity of service

71%

**ND children age 0-5 with all
parents in workforce**

78%

**ND children age 6-12 with all
parents in workforce**

As of April 10

572

**ND child care programs from 49 counties opted
in to the Emergency Operating Grant program**

51%

**CEOG recipients represent 51% of the total
capacity of licensed child care spots in ND**

As of May 22

771

**ND child care programs from 51 counties opted
in to the Emergency Operating Grant program**

71%

**CEOG recipients represent 71% of the total
capacity of licensed child care spots in ND**

A background image of a town street with historic buildings, cars, and a church steeple in the distance. The text is overlaid on this image.

March 23

Announce ND approach to childcare health, safety & stabilization

March 26

Modified operating practices & Childcare Emergency Operating Grant

March 30

Transition to new operating practices

April 10

First CEOG payments to providers

May 11

Extended availability of CEOG through July 3



EMERGENCY RENT BRIDGE

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EMERGENCY RENT BRIDGE

- Emergency Rent Assistance available for up to 3 months (if qualified and resources are available)
- Renter is the applicant for assistance.
 - Max 60% of area median income (determined based on most recent 30 days income)
 - Have a valid lease
 - Assets no greater than 3x monthly rent
 - Economic hardship that is COVID-related
- If renter is deemed eligible for ERB, payment will be made directly to housing provider
 - Renter is required to pay 30% of their income toward housing costs
 - ERB will pay the balance due



As of June 1

1,040 applications are pre-qualified and under review

- 22 counties
- Avg monthly rent \$873
- 32% of applicants are single person households
- 14% of applicants have been approved for Unemployment Insurance
- 10% had received an eviction notice at the point of application



HOUSING HOMELESS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE + FOOD INSECURITY

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Emergency Services

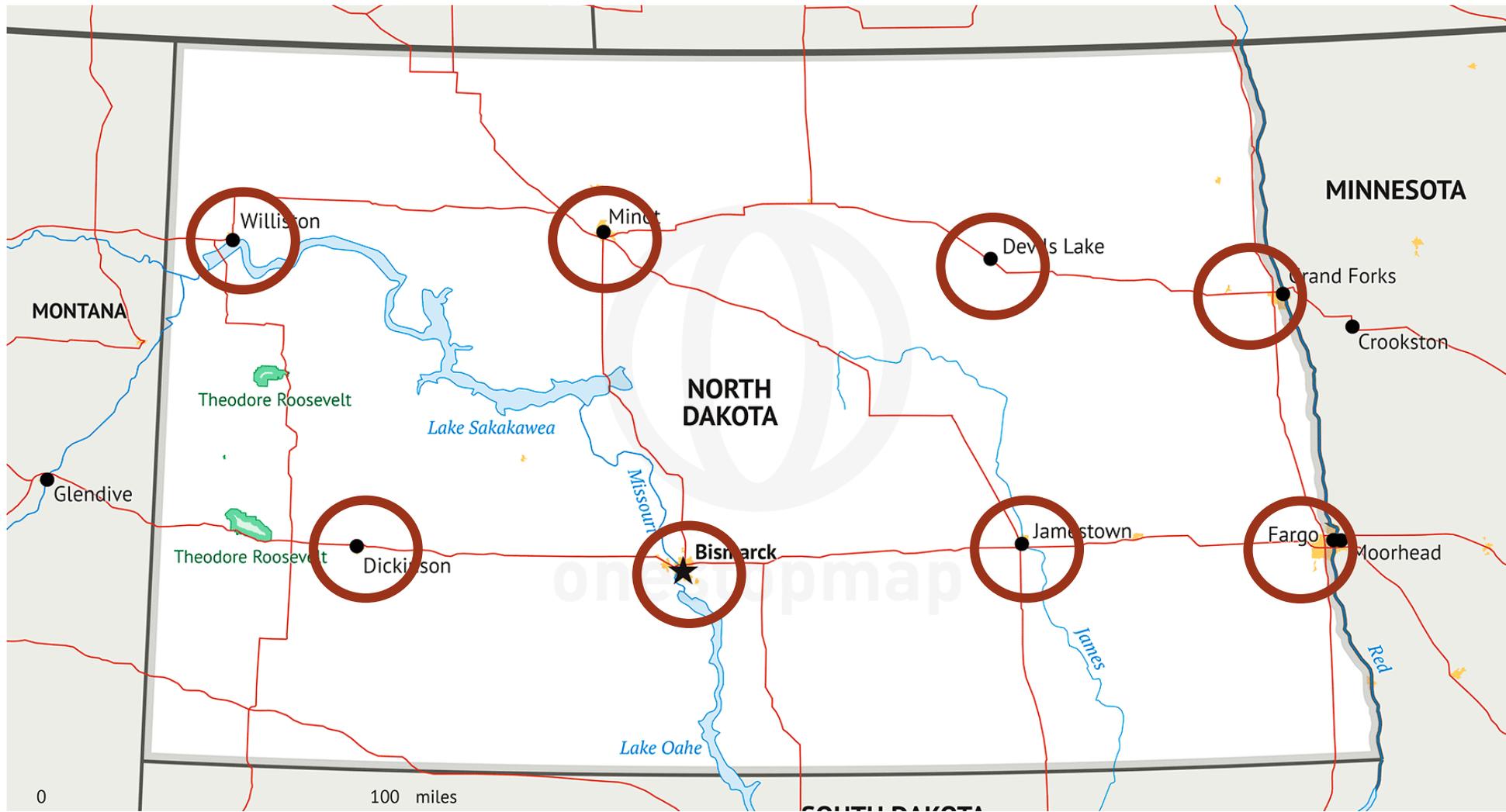


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BACKGROUND

Population	Count	Data Source
Homeless: Currently Sheltered	600-650	Total Number of Beds At Capacity
Victims of DV: Currently Sheltered**	150-175	Bed Capacity at DV Shelters
Unsheltered Homeless (includes DV)	200-300	HUD COC PIT COUNTS
Chronically Homeless* **	100-150	NHFA 10 Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness
Homeless Students	2,475	DPI



**162 Individuals
Sheltered**

41 COVID +



Behavioral Health Resources during COVID-19

www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/covid-19

News about the coronavirus (COVID-19) is everywhere and concern over this virus can result in families feeling anxious. Parents, family members, and other trusted adults play an important role in helping children make sense of what they hear in a way that is honest, accurate, and minimizes anxiety or fear.

PARENTS LEAD.ORG



EMERGENCY GRANT TO ADDRESS MENTAL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS DURING COVID-19



April 2020 - August 2021
\$2 million

Increased treatment and recovery services for:

- Individuals with a mental illness and/or substance use disorder
- Healthcare practitioners with a mental illness

CRISIS COUNSELING PROGRAM (CCP)

IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ISP)

Through June 30, 2020 (potential to extend an additional 7 months)

Short-term disaster relief and crisis counseling services



COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS

NORTH DAKOTA SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION 5/22/2020

\$800,000 for 16 months in advancing efforts to prevent suicide and suicide attempts among adults age 25 and older in order to reduce the overall suicide rate.



FIELD SERVICES

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TELEHEALTH EXPANSION IN FIELD

- Retained core set of staffing at all HSC
- Expanded from 71 to over 350 providers
- Purchased smartphones for clients without access
- Expanded on-site telehealth for walk-in clients
- Expanded Tele-forensic assessment at State Hospital



COVID-19 UPDATE

North Dakota Medical Services

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MEDICAID COVID-19 FLEXIBILITIES

- 1135 waiver
- Disaster State Plan Amendments
- Appendix K for Home and Community and DD waivers
- FMAP increase and Maintenance of Effort requirements
- North Dakota Medicaid temporary COVID-19 policies: telemedicine and DME.

COVID-19 RELATED GUIDANCE AND TEMPORARY POLICIES

- **Changes to member eligibility during the national emergency are outlined here:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-temporary-fmap.pdf>
- **Changes to provider enrollment, for providers who are enrolling to provide COVID-19 related services during the national emergency, are outlined here:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-temporary-provider-enrollment-process.pdf>.
- **Temporary DME Policy:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-temporary-dme-policy.pdf>
- **FAQs for Nursing Facilities:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-nursing-facilities.pdf>
- **FAQs for Pharmacy:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/covid-19-faq-medicaid-pharmacy.pdf>
- **Temporary Telemedicine Policy:** <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/docs/policy-medicaid-temporary-telehealth.pdf>
- Additional provider Q&A documents can be found at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/covid-19/provider-q-a.html>

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