NEW Children in Need of Services Team
Helps divert youth from juvenile justice system

As a result of recent Juvenile Justice Reform efforts in North Dakota, the 2021 Legislature approved a new program to be provided by the human service system so that children in need of services who have not committed crimes can be served in the community and outside of the Juvenile Court system.

WHO THE PROGRAM SERVES
The Program Serves Children/Youth Whose Behaviors Include:
• Truancy from school
• Unruly, disobeying parents
• Using and possessing tobacco and related products
• Running away

WHAT IS CHANGING & WHEN
BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2022, law enforcement and schools should refer children and youth to the Children in Need of Services Team, staffed by Human Service Zone professionals across the state - NOT to the Juvenile Court.

MAKE A REFERRAL
Parents, guardians, law enforcement officers and school officials can:
1. Complete Referral Form
   *Law Enforcement can use their current referral paperwork.
2. Submit it to:
   CHILDREN IN NEED OF SERVICES TEAM
   FAX 701.328.0104
   chins@nd.gov

OTHER INFORMATION
• To learn more visit our website
• IMPORTANT: Parents in crisis or with youth in crisis should still call 211 or 988 (Behavioral health crisis line)

GOALS:
• Connect children/youth in need of services and their families to appropriate services in the community
• Focus on prevention, treatment and support and divert individuals from entering the juvenile justice system.

NOTE: The Juvenile Court will continue to serve children/youth who are referred for delinquent behavior under NDCC 27-20.4.