



NDSCDD

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The 2015 North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities Annual Report highlights the various priorities the Council has focused on during the past year. The report includes glimpses of grass roots efforts, training and exploration, and most importantly, family and individualized self-advocacy empowerment efforts. The Council continues to support the Advocates Leading their Lives (ALL) self-advocacy network, which is comprised of almost 100 self-advocates, allies, families, and agency representatives.

**Warm Regards,**

Julie Horntvedt  
Executive Director



# COUNCIL

The council is comprised of 20 members appointed by the Governor. 60% of the members are persons with DD or are parents, guardians, or immediate relatives of a person with DD. The council also includes state agency representation along with members from North Dakota's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Protection and Advocacy Project and community DD service providers.

The NDSCDD advocates for policy changes that promote choice, independence, productivity, and inclusion for all North Dakotans with DD. The NSDCDD was established by state statute in 1979 under Chapter 25-01-01.1 of the North Dakota Century Code in accordance with the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Darcy Andahl**  
*Consumer*

**Dr. Brent Askvig**  
*University Center of Excellence*

**Missi Baranko**  
*Parent*

**Perry Boudlin**  
*Consumer*

**Wendy Conica**  
*Consumer*

**Tammy DeSautel**  
*Job Service*

**Sue Foerster**  
*State Transition Center*

**Tamara Lem**  
*Department of Health*

**Tim Huseh**  
*Community Rehab Provider*

**Jennifer Jacobson**  
*Parent*

**Pam Kolling**  
*Parent*

**Holly Major**  
*Parent*

**Brenda Schmid**  
*Parent*

**Tom Solberg**  
*DHS*

**Sheryl Stradinger**  
*Parent*

**Gerry Teevens**  
*ND Dept. of Public Instruction*

**Trevor Vannett**  
*Consumer*

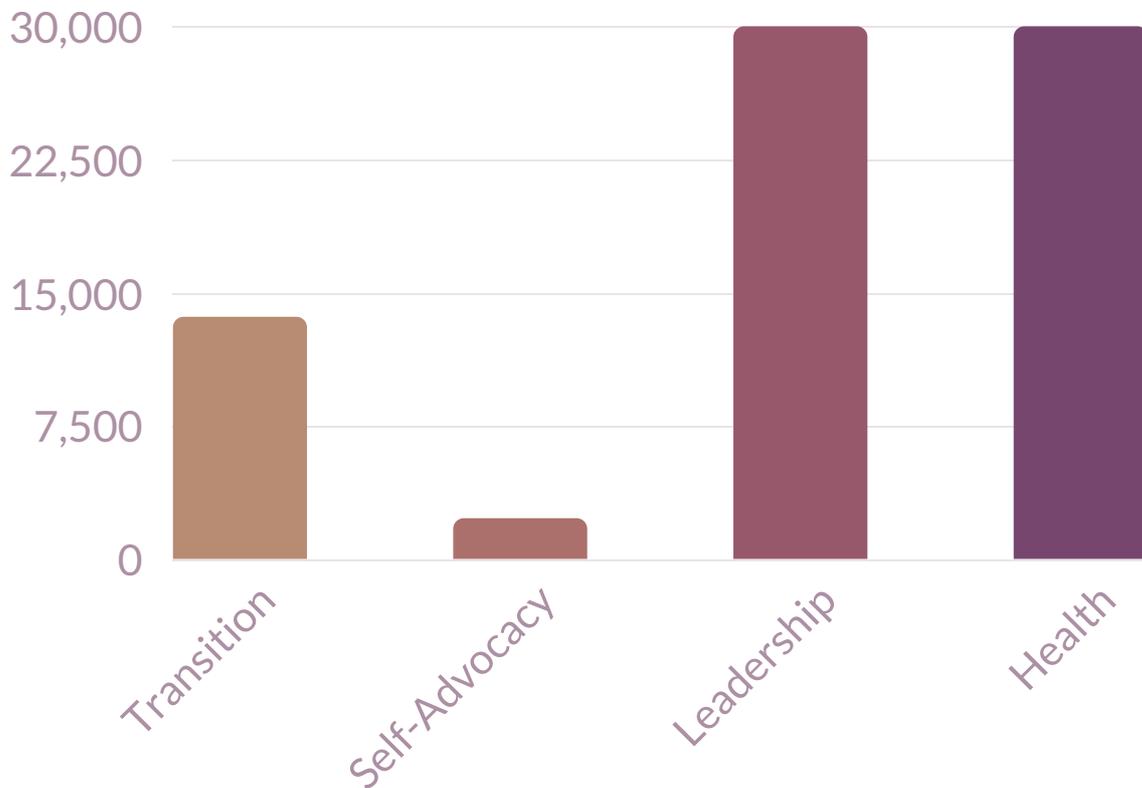
**Cindy Vollmer**  
*Protection and Advocacy*

**Darrel Wahl**  
*Consumer*

**Heather Wittliff**  
*Parent*

# 2015 APPROVED EXPENDITURES

October 1, 2015 - September 30, 2016



**TOTAL \$75,932**

# 2015 FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

- ★ Pathfinder Parent Center
- ★ Developmental Homes
- ★ Family Voices of North Dakota
- ★ North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities

# **Family Voices of ND Empowering Parent Leaders**

Caitlin is a single mother of her four year old son, Sage. He was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Processing Disorder, and Disruptive Behavior Disorder in October. Caitlin was so grateful to receive training through Family Voices ND, without this grant she would be limited to proper advocacy training and information.

Caitlin went into this training with some reservations but came out with so much more confidence in her self-advocacy skills and as a mother in general. She also was able to build a network with other parents who have children with disabilities. Caitlin wants to refer more families to these self-advocacy resources because of how tremendous the trainings were to her own family.

***"At the end of this journey, I came out more confident as a parent. I almost felt like Super Women!"***

**-Caitlin**



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