## **DO YOU KNOW**... the facts about people with disabilities in North Dakota?

## 77,700 of us have one or more disabilities

- 10.4 percent of the state's population have a disability (2015).<sup>1</sup>
- 7.8 percent of our population are non-institutionalized adults 21 to 64 with disabilities—about 1 in every dozen people.<sup>1</sup>
- Most people with disabilities who are employed are working part-time jobs, which often means shift work, nights, or odd schedules. Only 30 percent of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who work in our state hold full-time jobs.<sup>1</sup>
- The most common disability is mobility: difficulty walking or not being ambulatory.<sup>1</sup>
- People with disabilities rely heavily on public transportation. They are 23 percent less likely to have their own vehicle than those who do not have a disability.<sup>2</sup>
- For persons with disabilities, reliable, affordable and accessible public transportation is a critical factor in being able to work, maintain independence, obtain access to services, lead a full life and be a part of their community.

## "People with disabilities are a valuable segment of our labor force."

~Tom Schiwal, Regional Vocational Rehabilitation Administrator

<sup>1</sup> http://www.disabilitystatistics.org/StatusReports/2015-PDF/2015-StatusReport\_ND.pdf? <sup>2</sup> https://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/publications/freedom\_to\_travel/html/data\_analysis.html See also: https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2015/p0730-us-disability.html

**North Dakota Adults 21 to 64** with **Disabilities** Working 44.5% No Job Compare to 55.5% 35% U.S. A project of the North **Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities** www.nd.gov/SCDD

