

Spring 2019



DAKOTA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Dakota Challenger

After working to get a Youth Transition Program off the ground for the past few years, it is finally a reality and WOW, it is hard to keep up with these young people. They have only had an active Advisory Board for less than 3 months and they have already held their first event and planned a Youth Conference scheduled for June here in Bismarck, Embracing Your Disability

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President

Alyda
Vice President

Bruce
Treasurer

Andrea - Secretary

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Board Members

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Mission Statement:
The Dakota Center for Independent Living believes in empowering people with disabilities by minimizing barriers, advocating for inclusion and promoting consumer choice.

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UNIVERSITY OF MARY SPRING

BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS PRESENTATION



MARCH 5, 2019




Trying to button shirt one handed using the non-dominant hand.



Finding items in the bucket full of rice with a glove on your hand.

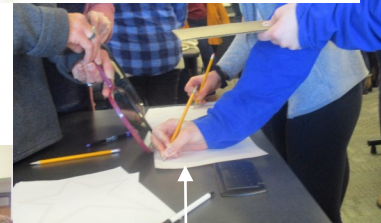


Presenting BI Awareness for the Diversity Class at the University of Mary



**MARCH IS
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY
AWARENESS MONTH.**

**HORSEBACK RIDERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER A
CONCUSSION THAN FOOTBALL, SKATEBOARDING,
MOTORCYCLE RIDING AND SOCCER COMBINED.
THEY MAKE UP OVER 45% OF ALL TBI'S.**



Trying to follow the outline of a star while seeing it only through a mirror.

MARCH IS TBI MONTH

DCIL STAFF WERE ABLE TO TAKE THEIR EDUCATIONAL BI PRESENTATION TO NUMEROUS VENUES IN MARCH.

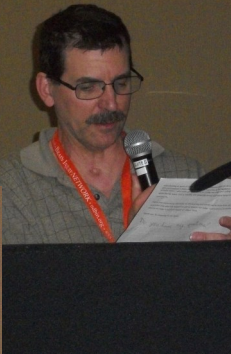
Wachter Middle School



AND BRAIN INJURY

NETWORK

DCIL BI
PANEL



Kim, Allen, Darren and Mitch

SAVE THE DATE



YESS

Youth Empowering
Social Status

SUMMER CONFERENCE

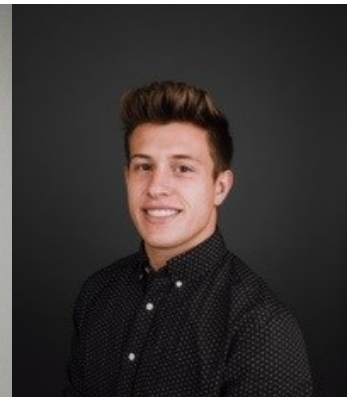
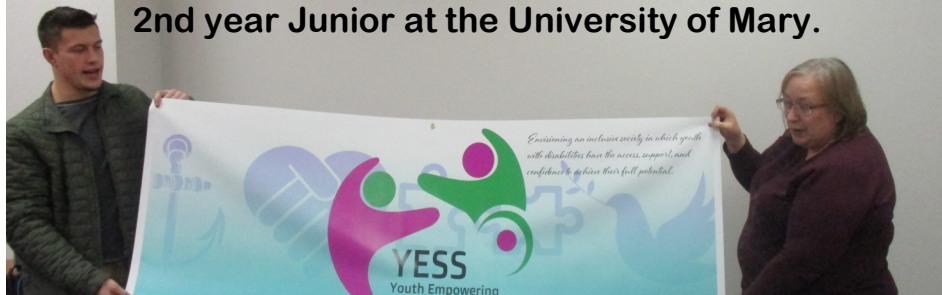
“Embrace Your Disability”

June 20, 2019

Bismarck Event Center

More info to come in our Summer Edition....

Thank you so much, **Chris Leatherman**, for creating our absolutely amazing logo and then designing this meaningful banner for us. You do outstanding work. Chris is a **Business Administration and Marketing** 2nd year Junior at the University of Mary.



YES Youth Advisory

This group was formed with a vision for the continuation of the Peer to Peer concept in the Bismarck/ Mandan area, but more than that, to meet a need that is known community wide that fills the gap left in the transition process of youth from school to vocation or education.

DCIL, along with the collaborative help from Designer Genes, Federation of Families, ND State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Century HS Peer to Peer Coordinator, saw a need, agreed on a vision, and went to work to get this group up and running.

In November, an Advisory Board was formally established. Vision, mission, and goals were put into place and off they went without looking back. With the help of a Discretionary Grant secured from ND Department of Public Instruction, they hit the ground. See the following page for their first event, a Mocktail Party. It was truly successful and everyone loved it.

The next event to be held will be an inclusive, sensory movie night at the AMC Movie Theatre. Date to be announced. If you are interested in keeping up with the group, send us your email address and contact number and we will get the information out to you. Our contact information is on the back of this newsletter.

MOCKTAIL EVENT

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LEGISLATIVE MEET & GREET

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We have so much fun!!!



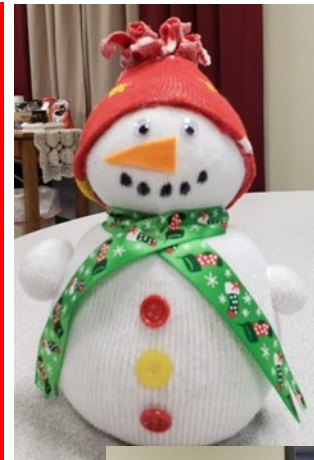
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Craft Day
At
The Dakota Center
For Independent



Consumers and their grandchildren having fun on Craft Day at DCIL. We made No-Sew Snowmen and Penguins.





YESS YOUTH ADVISORY

This group is open to youth 14-24 years old, with and without disabilities.

**We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month
at the Dakota Center for Independent Living
3111 E. Broadway, Bismarck @ 6:15 p.m.**

**If you have questions, please contact
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