

Winter
2019

DAKOTA CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING

Dakota Challenger

YESS Advisory Board Members Had Opportunity to Speak at the Secondary Transition Conference



NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Bruce ATTENDEES EVALUATIONS

- Bruce was one of the best presenters.
- Bruce was very interesting and brought humor to his presentation.
- Bruce's determination is certainly motivational..
- What a special human being...(referring to Bruce)
- Very inspiring speaker! Great lesson in self-advocacy.

PANEL

- These young people are going to change the world.
- Very moving to see these young people express themselves.
- Very inspiring young individuals!
- Great way to educate the community.
- They did an absolutely fantastic job.



Mission Statement:

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

DCIL Advocates Making a Difference

I absolutely loved it!! (Drivers Education Class)
I like the question and answer model. . I loved your interaction with 'Liz'- she is a tough nut to crack (she was more confident on her worksheets in your other classes after working with you).

Thank you so much for coming down and working with the students - we all appreciate it!!

GO CAROL

* **Heather-Special Education Teacher**
In Selfridge, ND

ADA Misconceptions #1 of 3

Grandfathering

The first misconception that I need to get out of the way is that an old building is “grandfathered” from compliance with the ADA. For anyone who has read my previous postings, we know this is not true. This myth prevents some people with responsibilities under the ADA from performing their due diligence. It’s the path of least resistance for those who choose to believe it. I’m both fascinated and disappointed that, in our culture, we believe people when they repeat what they heard from someone else.

Another version of “grandfathering” is when people think a historic building doesn’t have to meet the requirements of the ADA. An old building is not historic simply because it is old. A historic building should get registered on a State or National registry for historic preservation. Some exceptions from the ADA Standards can apply when a State Historic Preservation Officer believes that an alteration would threaten the historic significance of a specific aspect of the project. Having a historic building is not a get-out-of-jail-free card when it comes to access under the ADA. Public entities and accommodations that operate from historic buildings have responsibilities to provide access under the ADA. They should use proper procedures to take exceptions if providing access might endanger the site’s historic significance.

By Chris Murphy



CAN YOU PUT A PRICE ON BEING INDEPENDENT?

DCIL has been chosen by Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation to participate in Giving Hearts Day on February 13, 2020. It is our goal to raise \$10,000 in matching funds by January 27, 2020 and \$10,000 in donations on Giving Hearts Day. Your contribution to the matching funds by January 27th, 2020, or donation on February 13th would go a long way in helping us to serve people with disabilities to become more independent in the 18 counties we serve in the Bismarck and Dickinson regions of ND.

Your generous contribution to DCIL provides impactful and life changing outcomes for people with disabilities.

DO YOU BUY FROM AMAZON?

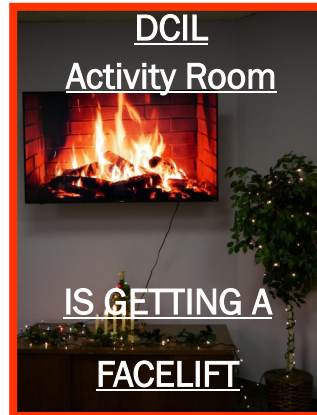
You can support DCIL whenever you shop at Amazon. Every time you make a purchase at Amazon, Amazon Smile will give us money. This helps our non-profit agency do more for our family of consumers.

Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0430508>

This will take you to the amazon smile donation login. If you log into your Amazon Account from there, it will make us your charitable cause and you will be supporting Dakota Center for Independent Living every time you shop. Now every time you order something, instead of you ordering directly from the [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) site, you will be ordering through the smile.amazon.com site and you will see our name under the search bar.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT DCIL IN BISMARCK, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER?

GLAD YOU ASKED!

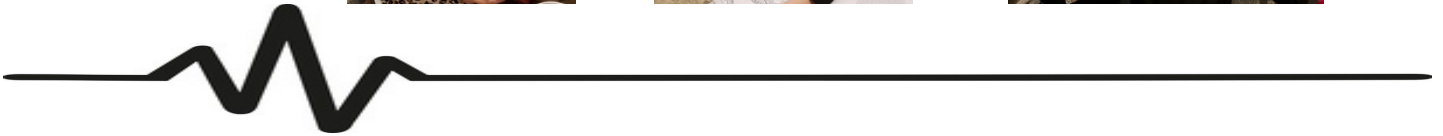




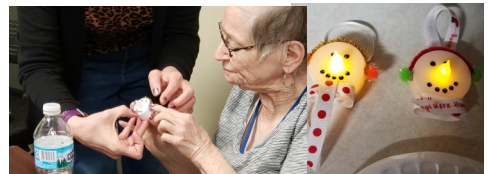
“Great food, Good company, Bingo and Wonderful



**Consumer
Appreciation
Dinner in
Dickinson**



**ART DAY
at DCIL in
Dickinson**



**“Tealight
Snowmen”**





Breanna faithfully attended the Dakota Center for Independent Living's Driver Permit Course for the first time throughout the month of October. Her hard work paid off and she has obtained her driver's permit. Breanna is 18 years old and a Senior at Bismarck High School. Breanna was referred to the Dakota Center for Independent Living by her teacher, Lauri Dschaak.

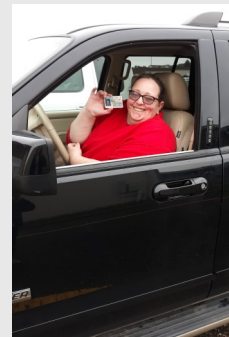
Congratulations, Breanna!



If you or someone you know would like more information regarding the Driver Permit Course, call the Dakota Center for Independent Living at 222-3636 and ask for Carol.

REBECCA, PART TWO!!!!

If you recall from our last newsletter, Rebecca was successful in passing her Driver's Permit test back in September. On October 3rd, right after leaving the ND Department of Transportation, Rebecca stopped by the DCIL office to show us her brand-spanking new ND Driver's License and her very own vehicle!!



Congratulations, Rebecca!



YESS UPCOMING EVENTS

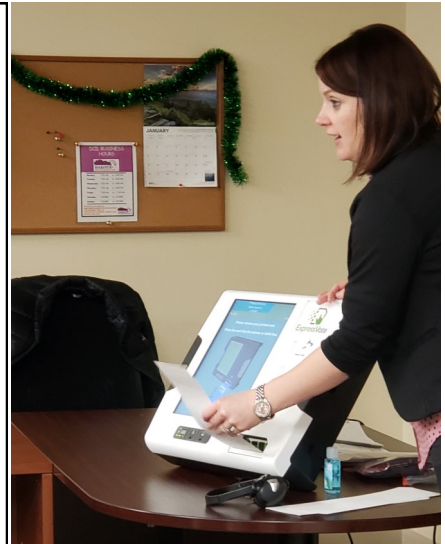
January 20th, Self Defense Class
February—Job Skills/Mock Interviews Date TBD
March 28th—Mocktail Mixer

CONTACT ERIN for more info 815-973-3304

Dickinson Office



Hailey Berg from Protection & Advocacy came to DCIL to give presentation on the ExpressVote Machine for voting in 2020.



Thank you

DCIL and the YESS group would like to thank the ND Department of Public Instruction, ND State

Council for Developmental Disabilities, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of ND, Walmart, Bismarck/Mandan Mayors Committee, and the Bismarck Eagles Lodge for their financial support to the Youth

Empowering Social Status group for this past year. We had many donations given for our conference and others that supported us in many ways; you know who you are. We couldn't have accomplished all that we have in one year, without all of your support.

DID YOU KNOW?



Skype now offers free live captions and subtitles during calls?

Visit their website to learn more.

SAVE THE DATE

DCIL and YESS will be hosting a celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the passing of the ADA LAWS on July 23rd, 2020.



Walmart



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FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE

High Plains will be hosting a conference on April 2nd, 2020, at the ND Heritage Center. It will be full day event with breakout sessions. Included in the breakout session is fair housing for persons with disabilities including prohibitions on extra terms and conditions for persons with disabilities asking for a reasonable accommodation or modification, and emotional support and service animals. For more information go to their event page on their website:

<https://www.highplainsfhc.org/events.html>

or contact DCIL 701-222-3636

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