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South Central Human Service Center moving back to pre-flood location in Jamestown

BISMARCK, ND – The North Dakota Department of Human Services' South Central Human Service Center in Jamestown is returning to its pre-flood location at 520 3rd St. NW, on the banks of the James River.

The center will be temporarily closed July 23-24 so that computers and phones can be reconnected, and office furniture, files, and supplies can be moved. Full services will resume on July 27.

The center is working to minimize the disruption for clients and will maintain as many core services as possible including case management and regional intervention services for vulnerable persons.

“The extended flooding period in the Jamestown area has increased stress and anxiety levels for many area residents. Staff members will continue to be available to help those dealing with the psychological effects of flooding,” said Russ Sunderland, assistant director of South Central Human Service Center.

Sunderland said staff will continue to answer the human service center's phones during the move except for a brief technology switchover period.

People can call the center at 701-253-6300 (TTY 701-253-6414) to schedule an appointment or for other needs. The center's 24-hour crisis line can be reached at 701-253-6304 or toll free 1-800-260-1310. Appointments for vocational rehabilitation services can be made by calling 701-253-6388.

Flooding concerns and dike construction forced the community-based counseling, case management, and treatment provider to close April 15 and to relocate most services to the former Job Service North Dakota building where services resumed April 21.

The Jamestown human service center employs 87 people and serves residents of Barnes, Dickey, Foster, Griggs, LaMoure, Logan, McIntosh, Stutsman, and Wells counties. Services include community-based mental health and substance abuse treatment services, case management for people with developmental disabilities, adult protective services, vocational rehabilitation services, and other human services.

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