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State Health Department Hosts Injury Prevention Conference

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is hosting the North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention and Control: Preventing and Responding to Injuries Oct. 27 and 28, 2010, at the Best Western Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan, N.D.

The goal of the conference is to help law enforcement personnel, mental health workers, health-care providers, educators, clergy and other professionals learn best practices for unintentional and intentional injuries. Topics include the identification and integration of prevention and intervention messages; strategies and life skills to apply in personal and work lives; and procedures and activities to promote, prevent or intervene in the areas of general injury, suicide, traffic safety, and domestic and sexual violence. Speakers include national experts, as well as experts from North Dakota.

Speakers at the conference include:

- Sally Fogerty, director of the Children's Safety Network – Developing an integrated community-based statewide injury prevention program
- Alan Berkowitz, Ph.D., independent consultant – Bystander intervention, social norms approach and sexual violence prevention
- Greg Dawkins and Joe Crawford, Cass County Sheriff's Department – School resource deputy program

Information about the North Dakota Conference on Injury Prevention and Control is available at www.ndhealth.gov/injury or by calling 701.220.7638.

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