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North Dakota Health-Care Providers Receive Immunization Awards

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health presented its annual Providers' Choice Awards during an immunization conference held in Mandan August 24 and 25, according to Molly Sander, Immunization Program manager

Providers' Choice Awards are presented to immunization providers who have made extraordinary contributions towards increasing immunization rates in the state.

The Department of Health received 17 nominations for the Providers' Choice Awards. A panel selected seven people and/or organizations to receive the award. The award recipients were:

- Wanda Kratochvil, Walsh County Public Health – Grafton
- University of North Dakota Student Health – Grand Forks
- Nita Sherwin, Innovis Health – Fargo
- Chantel Hillius-Kramlich, Medcenter One – Bismarck
- Dr. Rafael Ocejo, Medcenter One – Bismarck
- Altru Health System – Grand Forks
- Custer Health - Mandan

More than 300 health-care providers attended the immunization conference. Topics included childhood and adult immunizations, vaccine safety, and vaccine-preventable diseases. The final presenter was Julie Moise, from Families Fighting Flu, who emphasized the importance of influenza vaccination by telling her story about losing her 6-month-old son to influenza.

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