

**“Look back with pride... Look forward with confidence”**

**“A School Without Walls”**

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing shall develop innovative approaches and access technologies to promote deaf education, both on and off campus; pursue research for effective strategies; and provide needs-based programs and services for adult clients which will greatly benefit North Dakota citizens, of any age, who are deaf and hard of hearing

**Mission Statement:**

*“...to provide an environment in which individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can access the services and support that they may need to become and remain integrated, productive citizens of the state.”*

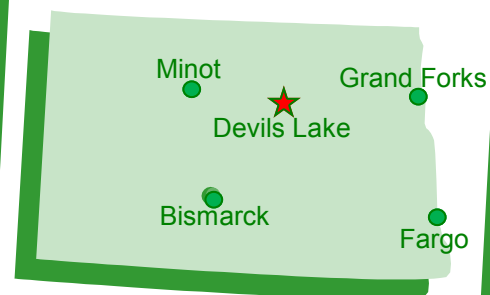
## **Outreach Services**

The North Dakota School for the Deaf, established in 1890 by the North Dakota Constitution, is a division of the Department of Public Instruction. Currently, as the state’s center of excellence on hearing loss, it provides services through its Parent-Infant Program serving infants, ages 0 to 3, and their families in the home; services for school-aged students, both on and off campus, age 3 to 21; and a resource center for adults with hearing loss whether life-long or later acquired.

Consultation services are provided to education programs, state agencies and businesses to meet the needs of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and their families.

- ◆ **Material Resources:**  
brochures, books, audio-visual resources
- ◆ **Public Information:**  
speaker’s bureau, tours of NDSD/RCDHH, in-services, Deaf awareness programs
- ◆ **Sign Language/Interpreting:**  
interpreter referral, statewide sign language classes (on-site & remote), audio-visual resources; workshops for interpreters
- ◆ **Consultations/Assessments:**  
audiology, social-emotional, speech and language, sign language, classroom & teacher modification, developing appropriate IEP/IFSPs
- ◆ **Alerting & Communication Devices:**  
devices for demonstrative purposes; resources on companies & products; general information brochures
- ◆ **Summer Camp Program:**  
Week one: 7 to 12 years old  
Week two: 13 to 18 years old

## **North Dakota School for the Deaf Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing**



“Serving people of North Dakota who are deaf and hard of hearing since 1890”

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## Adult Services

The North Dakota School for the Deaf is designated as the state's resource center on hearing loss. It provides a variety of services to adults which may include:

- ◆ Assessments of communication, language, academic and vocational skills
- ◆ Consultations to employers on accommodations to improve employment accessibility
- ◆ Aural rehabilitation and communication strategies
- ◆ Assistive technology support
- ◆ Sensitivity and awareness training
- ◆ Advocacy for communication access
- ◆ General information and resources related to hearing loss
- ◆ Job seeking and retention skills



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North Dakota Department of Public Instruction,  
Dr. Wayne Sanstead, Superintendent

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## Educational Programs

The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NDSD/RCDHH) provides students with a broad spectrum of disciplines including traditional academic offerings and special studies. Teachers of the Deaf utilize specialized methods of instruction that address the unique educational needs of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Based upon each child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP), programming emphasizes the development of functional language including: expressive and receptive skills in speech, speech reading, manual communication (sign language and fingerspelling), reading, writing and audition. NDSD/RCDHH endorses the use of direct visual communication as well as oral and auditory skills to support education and to foster social and learning environments that nurture the development of positive self image and respect among students who are deaf or hard of hearing. Emphasis is placed upon the development of positive social and emotional attitudes, achievement in academic areas, vocational exploration and development of lifelong independent living skills.

Students participate in mainstream educational or extracurricular programs in the Devils Lake Public School system. Support services are provided to students as needed.

Health care services, administered by professional health care staff, are available twenty-four hours per day. Attention is focused on the total wellness of the student by monitoring each student's medical, dental, audiological and optometric needs. Residential staff members provide supervision in a secure, nurturing communicative environment that fosters positive values, good health and community involvement. Extracurricular, recreational activities and athletic opportunities are available to all students.



## Parent-Infant Program



The North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NDSD/RCDHH) supports a Parent-Infant Program for children with a hearing loss, ages birth to three years. This program, conducted in the home, utilizes the SKI-HI Curriculum to instruct families of infants with hearing loss in the areas of audiology, speech, language, auditory training and education options for their child.

NDSD/RCDHH hosts regional support groups, family learning vacation and provides an assortment of printed and audiovisual resources for parents.