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**NORTH DAKOTA  
Family Based Services  
CONFERENCE**

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MARCH 24-27, 2026 | HOLIDAY INN | FARGO, ND  
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# WELCOME

## CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

Registration table is in the Atrium at the Holiday Inn. Please check-in upon arrival for your initial day of the event. Once you have your name tag, your registration is complete, you do not need to check-in each day.

## EXHIBIT HALL

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Thank you to our participating exhibitors, partners, and sponsors. Please visit exhibits in Dakota Hall Wednesday & Thursday.

## QUESTIONS

Please find a NDFBSA Conference Committee Member or Board of Director Member signified by a NDFBSA logo lanyard.

## RELAX & RESTORE

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Take time to recharge, refresh, and relax during the free self-care event offered in the Mezzanine rooms in the venue & thermal spa in South Fargo.

## EVALUATIONS

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Please see page 7 for details regarding evaluations.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

2026 NDFBSA Conference is approved for:  
ND Board of Social Work Examiners  
ND Board of Counselor Examiners  
ND Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board  
ND Board of Addiction Counselor Examiners  
All verified contact hours must be submitted/retained by the attendee per their licensure protocols. A copy of signed record form must be returned to NDFBSA at the end of conference. NDFBSA does NOT submit verification of your training/verify after completion of the conference.

## WRAPAROUND RECERTIFICATION

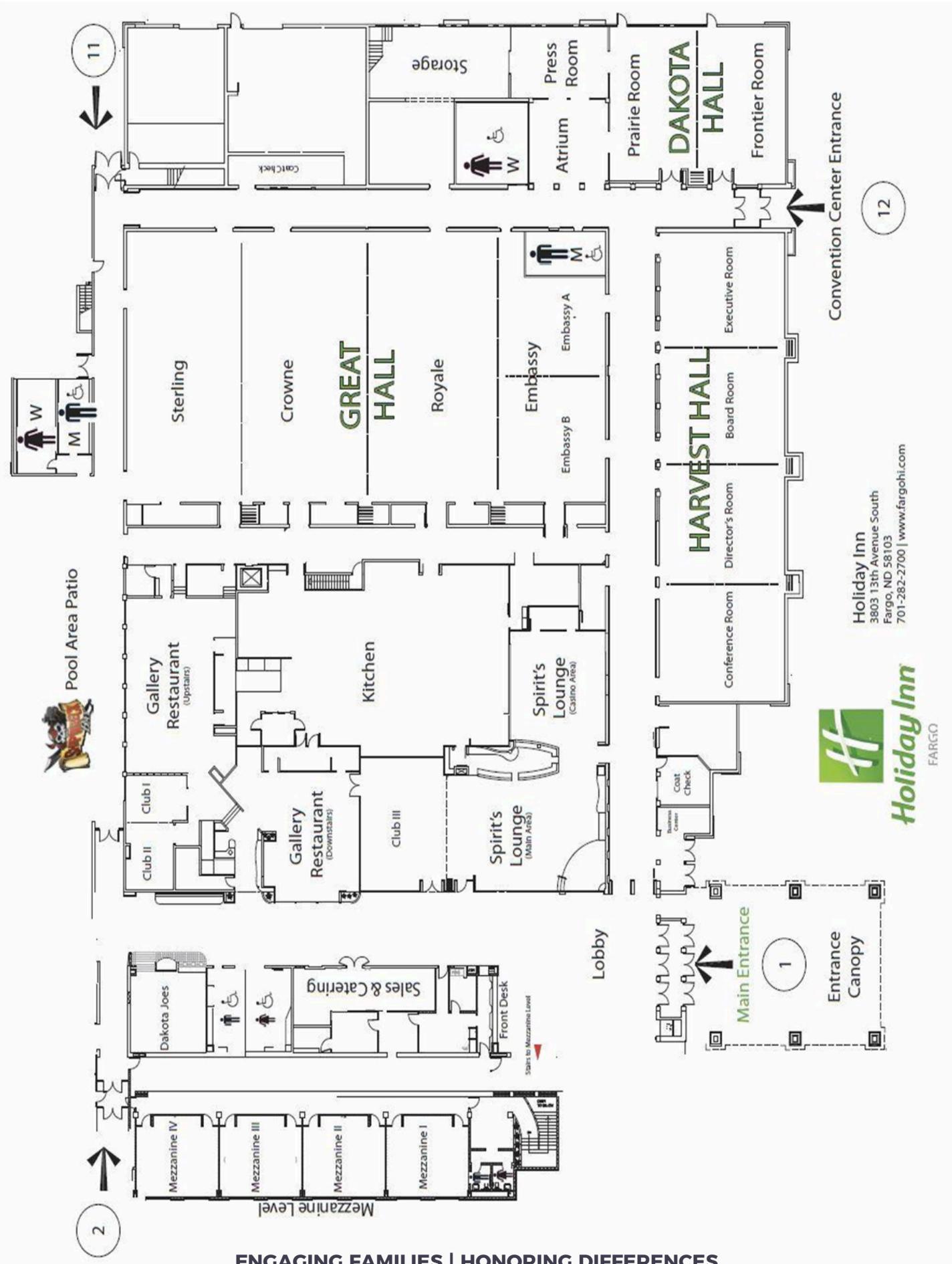
The 2026 conference program qualifies for ND Wraparound Model recertification.

## MEALS | REFRESHMENTS

Coffee & water a provided every day.  
Breakfast provided Wed, Thurs, & Fri.  
Lunch on own Tues.  
Lunch provided Wed & Thurs.  
Afternoon snack provided Wed & Thurs.

## SILENT AUCTION

Please make sure to check out the silent auction items located in the Press Room next to the registration table on Wednesday & Thursday. All proceeds go to the Spotlight Program: **Family Based Legacy Scholarship.**



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# TUESDAY MARCH 24, 2026

|            |   |                   |
|------------|---|-------------------|
| 12:00-1:00 | REGISTRATION  | ATRIUM            |
| 12:50-1:00 | WELCOME   ANNOUNCEMENTS   | STERLING   CROWNE |
| 1:00-2:30  | <p><b>PRE-CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>Money Matters are Family Matters:<br/>           Navigating the Intersection of Financial and Relational Health<br/>           Dr. Jeffrey Anvari-Clark</p> | STERLING   CROWNE |
| 2:30-2:45  | BREAK   |                   |
| 2:45-4:15  | <p><b>PRE-CONFERENCE</b></p> <p>Money Matters are Family Matters:<br/>           Navigating the Intersection of Financial and Relational Health<br/>           Dr. Jeffrey Anvari-Clark</p> | STERLING   CROWNE |



# WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2026

|             |   |                                   |
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| 7:30-8:15   | <b>REGISTRATION<br/>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>   | <b>ATRIUM<br/>ROYAL   EMBASSY</b> |
| 8:15-8:30   | <b>WELCOME   ANNOUNCEMENTS   DOOR PRIZES</b>  | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 8:30-10:00  | <b>KEYNOTE</b><br>Trust, Comfort, Communication, and Transparency in the Foster Care System<br>North Dakota Youth Advisory Association Board  | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 10:00-10:30 | <b>BREAK</b>  |                                   |
| 10:30-11:30 | <b>PLENARY</b><br>Family First Services in North Dakota<br>Tracy Miller & Family First Service Providers  | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 11:30-1:00  | <b>LUNCH PROVIDED</b>   | <b>ROYAL   EMBASSY</b>            |
| 1:00-3:00   | <b>BREAKOUTS</b>  |                                   |
| A-1:        | Trauma-Informed Care<br>Jennifer Schlinger, EdD, MSW, LMSW  | <b>BOARD   EXECUTIVE</b>          |
| A-2:        | Children Who Experience Domestic Violence<br>Kayla Jones  | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| A-3:        | Family Matters: Understanding DBT Together<br>Dr. Hannah Baczynski & Amber Nelson   | <b>CONFERENCE  <br/>DIRECTORS</b> |
| 3:00-3:30   | <b>BREAK   REFRESHMENTS</b>   | <b>ROYAL   EMBASSY</b>            |
| 3:30-5:00   | <b>BREAKOUTS</b>  |                                   |
| A-4:        | Supporting Fathers, Strengthening Families:<br>Reflections & Insights from the Nurturing Fathers Program in North Dakota<br>Kelvin Hazangwi, LCSW, Amy Tichy, Dr. Sean Brotherson, Dr. Kyle Johnson | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| A-5:        | Movement & Mindfulness: Using Yoga to Feel Better<br>Roberta Pytlik, LPCC, LMAC   | <b>CONFERENCE  <br/>DIRECTORS</b> |
| A-6:        | Mothers, Children, & Hope:<br>Keeping Families Connected Through Incarceration<br>Cheryl Thomas   | <b>BOARD   EXECUTIVE</b>          |

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| 8:15-8:30   | <b>WELCOME   ANNOUNCEMENTS   DOOR PRIZES</b>   | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 8:30-9:30   | <b>KEYNOTE</b><br>Keeping Families Connected:<br>A Healing-Centered Approach for Child Welfare Professionals<br>Beth Tyson, MA   | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 9:30-10:00  | <b>BREAK</b>   |                                   |
| 10:00-11:30 | <b>North Dakota Legislative Panel</b><br>Tim Gienger, LCSW, Sen. Kathy Hogan, Sen. Judy Lee, Sen. Kristin Roers, Sen. Tim Mathern, Rep. Brandy Pyle, Rep. Gregory Stemen | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| 11:30-1:00  | <b>LUNCH PROVIDED<br/>NDFBSA Annual Meeting &amp; Awards</b>   | <b>ROYAL   EMBASSY</b>            |
| 1:00-3:00   | <b>BREAKOUTS</b>   |                                   |
| B-1:        | Ethics<br>Katie Krukenberg, LMSW   | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| B-2:        | Keeping Families Connected While Ensuring Safety:<br>Trauma-Informed Supervised Visitation<br>Beth Tyson, MA   | <b>BOARD   EXECUTIVE</b>          |
| B-3:        | The Dangers of Nicotine & its Newest Devices: How to Talk to Youth<br>Heather Austin   | <b>CONFERENCE  <br/>DIRECTORS</b> |
| 3:00-3:30   | <b>BREAK   REFRESHMENTS</b>  | <b>ROYAL   EMBASSY</b>            |
| 3:30-5:00   | <b>BREAKOUTS</b>   |                                   |
| B-4:        | Fostering Employee Resilience Through Reflective Supervision<br>Janet Amundson, MA, LPCC, IMH-E  | <b>CONFERENCE  <br/>DIRECTORS</b> |
| B-5:        | Is It Me or Is Conflict Uncomfortable<br>Christy Wilkie, LCSW & Lucas Mitzel, LCSW   | <b>STERLING   CROWNE</b>          |
| B-6:        | The Eyes Lead the Way<br>Dr. Ryan Capouch  | <b>BOARD   EXECUTIVE</b>          |

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# FRIDAY MARCH 27, 2026

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|-------------|--|---------------------------|
| 7:30-8:15   | REGISTRATION<br>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST  | ATRIUM<br>ROYAL   EMBASSY |
| 8:15-8:30   | WELCOME   ANOUNCEMENTS   DOOR PRIZES   | STERLING   CROWNE         |
| 8:30-10:00  | PLENARY<br>ND ICWA Family Preservation Program: Working Together to Help Families<br>Jessi Leneagh, Traci Van Beek, Harmony Bercier, Sloan Henry, Leah McCloud | STERLING   CROWNE         |
| 10:00-10:30 | BREAK  |                           |
| 10:30-12:00 | PLENARY<br>Generational Trends: Psychological & Social Considerations<br>Kristi Bitz, PhD  | STERLING   CROWNE         |

## SPECIAL THANKS

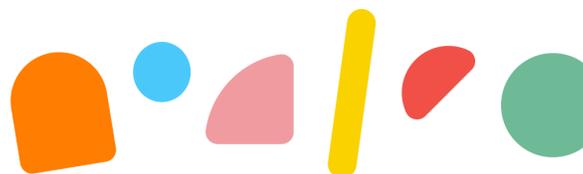
to the Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau for the continued support of this conference.

## EVALUATIONS DETAILS

We value your feedback. Access in the daily email or [www.ndfamilybased.org](http://www.ndfamilybased.org).  
Session evaluations will be active near each session completion and close after 24 hours.

## SAVE THE DATE

Join us next year for the 2027 NDFBSA Conference  
March 30 - April 2, 2027!



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# NDFBSA BOARD ELECTIONS

|                   |                                 |               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
|                   | <b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2026</b> |               |
| <b>7:30-5:00</b>  | Voting Open                     | <b>ATRIUM</b> |
|                   | <b>THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026</b>  |               |
| <b>7:30-10:30</b> | Voting Open                     | <b>ATRIUM</b> |

# SPOTLIGHT SILENT AUCTION

|                  |                                    |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
|                  | <b>WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2026</b>    |                   |
| <b>8:00-5:00</b> | Spotlight Silent Auction Open      | <b>PRESS ROOM</b> |
|                  | <b>THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026</b>     |                   |
| <b>7:30-1:00</b> | Spotlight Silent Action Open       | <b>PRESS ROOM</b> |
| <b>1:30-5:00</b> | Text to Bid Winners<br>Claim Items | <b>ATRIUM</b>     |



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# RELAX AND RESTORE

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|                  | <b>THURSDAY MARCH 26, 2026</b>   |                    |
| <b>1:00-5:00</b> | Massage Therapy<br>Elite Therapeutic Massage Academy<br>Sign Up in Atrium        | <b>MEZZANINE I</b> |
| <b>1:00-5:00</b> | Sound Table Experience<br>Elite Therapeutic Massage Academy<br>Sign Up in Atrium | <b>MEZZANINE I</b> |



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# EXHIBIT HALL

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| <p><b>ND HEALTH &amp; HUMAN SERVICES</b><br/> <a href="http://www.hhs.nd.gov">www.hhs.nd.gov</a><br/>         BOARD REPRESENTATION<br/>         COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION<br/> <u>BRONZE SPONSOR</u></p> | <p><b>DAKOTA BOYS &amp; GIRLS RANCH</b><br/> <a href="http://www.dakotaranch.org">www.dakotaranch.org</a><br/>         COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION<br/> <u>BRONZE SPONSOR</u></p> | <p><b>UNIVERSITY OF MARY</b><br/> <a href="http://www.umary.edu">www.umary.edu</a></p>  |
| <p><b>CHARLIE HEALTH</b><br/> <a href="http://www.charliehealth.com">www.charliehealth.com</a></p>  | <p><b>JEREMIAH PROGRAM</b><br/> <a href="http://www.jeremiahprogram.org">www.jeremiahprogram.org</a></p>   | <p><b>THE VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER</b><br/> <a href="http://www.thevillagefamily.org">www.thevillagefamily.org</a><br/>         BOARD REPRESENTATION</p> |
| <p><b>COMMUNITY OPTIONS</b><br/> <a href="http://www.communityoptionsnd.com">www.communityoptionsnd.com</a></p>   | <p><b>RISE ND</b><br/> <a href="http://www.risend.org">www.risend.org</a></p>  | <p><b>FAMILIES FLOURISH</b><br/> <a href="http://www.pcand.org">www.pcand.org</a><br/>         BOARD REPRESENTATION</p>                                       |
| <p><b>USPIRE ND/HEALTHY FAMILIES</b><br/> <a href="http://www.uspirend.org">www.uspirend.org</a></p>  | <p><b>ND DOMESTIC &amp; SEXUAL VIOLENCE COALITION</b><br/> <a href="http://www.nddsvc.org">www.nddsvc.org</a></p>  | <p><b>NEXUS FAMILY HEALING</b><br/> <a href="http://www.nexuspath.org">www.nexuspath.org</a><br/>         BRONZE SPONSORSHIP</p>                              |
| <p><b>NDHHS CHILDREN &amp; FAMILY SERVICES</b><br/> <a href="http://www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs">www.hhs.nd.gov/cfs</a></p>  | <p><b>HOME ON THE RANGE</b><br/> <a href="http://www.hotrnd.com">www.hotrnd.com</a></p>  | <p><b>YOUTHWORKS</b><br/> <a href="http://www.youthworksnd.org">www.youthworksnd.org</a></p>  |
| <p><b>PEDIATRIC PARTNERS</b><br/> <a href="http://www.sevitahealth.com/pediatric-partners">www.sevitahealth.com/pediatric-partners</a></p>  |  |   |

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