



NDAD

helping others to help themselves

The mission of NDAD is to enhance the quality of lives of individuals facing health challenges.

Purpose

- NDAD was founded in the early 1970's by a group of concerned citizens for the purpose of helping North Dakotans with mental and physical challenges.
- NDAD was established because many individuals with disabilities and health conditions were living without the necessary medical services or medical equipment they needed and this was putting their wellbeing at risk.

Purpose

- Often disabling conditions can be very costly.
- NDAD follows a philosophy that persons with disabilities and health conditions can live more satisfying, productive lives if they have the opportunity. Many times, this requires the purchase of specialized equipment, medical treatment, or other services.

Purpose

- NDAD works with local, state, and federal programs so services provided by these agencies are not duplicated. This allows NDAD to help those most in need.

Locations

- Grand Forks – main office
- Satellite offices in Fargo, Minot and Williston
- Support the state of ND and neighboring communities in MT, SD, and MN

Direct Financial Assistance Program

- Prescription medications
- Durable medical equipment & supplies
- Out of town medical travel expenses (fuel and lodging)
- Home and vehicle accessibility
- In town accessible transportation fees
- Personal attendant care expenses
- Adaptive recreational activities

Direct Financial Assistance Program

- Application and release of information
- NDAD does not pay for Medicaid recipient liability, Medicaid prescription copays, meals, pre-existing bills, surgeries or non-disability related items
- If you are denied we will do our best to connect you with available resources

Information & Referrals

- Often people are unaware of available services or how to get help. A major goal of NDAD is to assist people in receiving help through other agencies whenever possible.
- Annually, NDAD helps approximately **50,000** people.

Advocacy

- NDAD protects the rights of people with disabilities by doing all we can to help people in securing services to which they are entitled.

Williston Programming

Programming for adults with serious mental illness, chemical dependency or dual diagnoses:

- **Crisis Residential** – short term crisis stabilization for people experiencing relapse symptoms that do not require hospitalization or need additional stabilization time following a hospitalization.
- **Independent Living** - counselors work with clients in their homes to provide training for independent living skills, such as basic needs, problem solving, stress management, social skills, among others.
- **Medication Monitoring** – medications are brought to clients due to court orders, not willing to take medications, or forget to take them.

Healthcare Equipment Loan Program

- People may borrow durable medical equipment at no charge for 90 days.
- No application process, no financial qualification.
- Recovering from surgery or injury, have a short illness, want to try equipment before buying, or waiting for insurance coverage or other program assistance.
- In 2016, NDAD loaned **2,482** pieces of equipment to **1,296** individuals saving borrowers than **\$470,000** in out of pocket costs.



Financial Loan Program for Assistive Devices

- Low interest loans for individuals unable to secure a loan through conventional financing
- Loans from \$500-\$50,000 for a variety of needs:
 - Power wheelchairs and scooters, environmental controls, computers and adaptive hardware/software

Community Fundraisers

- When clients come to NDAD with a request that is beyond the scope of our guidelines, we will help the client and family hold a fundraiser.
- NDAD acts as the custodian of the funds raised. This helps the client sustain eligibility with existing assistance programs because the income does not count against them.
- NDAD provides marketing and consulting expertise to help community volunteers with fundraising ideas.
- Any funds donated to NDAD qualify for a charitable donation and are deductible for donors who itemize.
- NDAD offers this service free of charge. One hundred percent of funds raised is spent on client needs.

ND Organ Transplant Fund

- NDAD administers the ND Organ Transplant Fund.
- Established by ND Legislature in 1991
- Helps alleviate financial needs related to transplant costs not normally covered by health insurance.
- Dollars for this fund are generated from state income tax refunds of less than \$5.

Adaptive Recreational Activities & Events

- NDAD understands the importance of physical activity for people with disabilities. That's why NDAD sponsors adaptive recreational activities like wheelchair basketball, indoor cycling, swimming lessons and the annual Escape to the Lake event.

Transportation

- Accessible vans for loan in Minot and Grand Forks
- Borrow once a month for up to 2 days per month
- In state travel is for any purpose
- Out of state travel for medical purposes only

Wheelin' & Dealin'

- Online forum for individuals to buy and/or sell new and used equipment
- NDAD offers this service free of charge on our website, www.ndad.org

2016 Accomplishments

- **1,753** children and adults
- **321** prescription medications and supplies
- **2,609** out of town medical travel trips
- **240** pieces of durable medical equipment
- **2,618** accessible rides
- **8,000** hours of personal attendant care expenses
- **42** individuals were assisted with adaptive recreational activities

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