

Center still enjoying growth

2008 was an exciting year for the Anne Carlsen Center, and there are plenty of new, promising experiences on the horizon.

Last year, the Center began a major expansion of our community-based services. We now provide client-centered, multi-disciplinary care to children with developmental disabilities living with their families, and adults with developmental disabilities living in communities throughout North Dakota.

The Center's Community Services in Grand Forks is now serving 12 clients in that region. Through our Jamestown Campus, we are serving six individuals.

Through our In-Home Supports, for children (birth to 21) and their families, we nurture abilities, enhance independence, and measure progress through a series of goals and objectives. As part of a team, we help chil-

dren communicate more effectively, learn safety skills, understand how to make choices, develop social skills, and advocate for themselves. ACC also teaches critical skills and routines to parents and caregivers.

We also offer Personal and Community Supports (Day Support Services) for adults (ages 21 and over). Our highly-trained staff provides community access, individualized skill training, community-based programming, guidance in daily living activities, and special assessment of areas of need.

The ACC Campus in Jamestown will always be a critical component of our service delivery. For some individuals, the specific care they need to live a full life will mean the best option is receiving services at the Center. In other cases, where children and adults may be able to stay in their homes and/or communities, we are equipped to provide vital services and

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 16 – Presidents' Day (No School)

Mar. 13 – Storm Day (No School)

Mar. 18 – End of 3rd Period

Apr. 10-13 – Easter Break

April 14 – School Resumes

May 22 – ACC Graduation

June 4-5 – Inservice Days

June 6 – ACC Golf Tournament

supports.

We will be bringing our care and expertise to more North Dakotans in 2009, as we work to give the individuals we serve the opportunity to dream, the chance to succeed, and the ability to embrace life-changing experiences.

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Options available for people wanting to mentor families

Your experiences have made you a stronger parent and a stronger person. Now you can put your experiences to work for another family.

If you are willing to donate your time to assist another family who may have a child with a similar diagnosis, Family Voices of North Dakota is ready for you.

A short registration form can be completed online at the Family Voices of North Dakota Web site. Just go to www.fvnd.org, click the Parent to Parent link, and then look for the form link on the bottom-left corner of the page.

Once you've completed the online registration form, Family Voices of North Dakota will contact you and set up a time for a short training session.

Opening your heart to another family could be just the assistance someone in need is looking for.