

An Executive Summary
Presented to the
State of North Dakota
62nd Legislative Assembly

North Dakota's Displaced Homemaker Program

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Dear Members of the 62nd Legislative Assembly:

Pursuant to the North Dakota Legislative Displaced Homemaker initiative (N.D.C.C. 14-06.1), the Department of Public Instruction has provided the attached executive summary.

The legislative assembly found that there were an ever-increasing number of persons in North Dakota who, having fulfilled a role as homemaker, found themselves "displaced" in their middle years through separation, divorce, death or disability of spouse, or other loss of support. It was the intention of the Legislative Assembly in enacting this mandate, to make available training and services so displaced homemakers may enjoy the independence and economic security vital to a productive life and to improve the health and welfare of this ever-growing group of citizens.

As a result, the Department of Public Instruction has been granted the authority to direct funds and designate the Adult Learning Centers to provide employment counseling; interpersonal skill building; job readiness, job search, and employability training. Additional services include information and community referral services; information and referral services as necessary for preventive health care and consumer health education; money management and assistance programs; and, higher education opportunities.

I hope you will find this executive summary informative. Should you have any questions, please contact Valerie Fischer, Director of Adult Education at 328-4138.

I thank you for your continued support for all educational programs.

Sincerely,

Dr. Wayne G. Sanstead
State Superintendent

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Overview of Displaced Homemakers Program & Services

The legislative assembly found that there were an ever-increasing number of persons in North Dakota who, having fulfilled a role as homemaker, found themselves "displaced" in their middle years through separation, divorce, death or disability of spouse, or other loss of support. It was the intention of the Legislative Assembly in enacting this mandate, to provide the necessary counseling and guidance, job readiness training, and services for displaced homemakers so that they may enjoy the independence and economic security vital to a productive life and to improve the health and welfare of this ever-growing group of citizens.

The term "displaced homemaker" means an individual who:

- a Has worked in the individual's home providing unpaid services for household members;
- b Has been or is unemployed or underemployed;
- c Has had or will have difficulty finding employment; and
- d (1) is widowed, divorced, separated, or abandoned; or
(2) because of the disability of the individual's spouse, is displaced from the individual's former economically dependent role.

The State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction has the authority to direct funds and designates Adult Learning Centers to

- *provide employment counseling; interpersonal skill building; job readiness, job search, and employability training; information and community referral services; and appropriate public information and community education*
- *include an outreach component capable of delivering the full range of services to groups of displaced homemakers in rural communities*
- *ensure that displaced homemakers receive information and referral services as necessary for preventive health care and consumer health education; money management and assistance programs; and, higher education opportunities*

**ND Adult Education
Displaced Homemakers Program
Executive Summary**

	<i>PY 2008</i> (July 08 – June 09)	<i>PY 2009</i> (July 09 – June 10)	Total
<i>Enrolled students</i>	194	216	410
<i>Age</i>			
16-24	79	69	
25-55	84	103	
45-59	28	40	
60 and older	3	4	410
<i>Gender</i>			
Female	180	194	
Male	14	22	410
<i>Enrollment by Region</i>			
1	7	11	
2	26	51	
3	54	51	
4	16	10	
5	57	49	
6	7	7	
7	14	31	
8	13	6	410
<i>Goal Outcomes*</i>			
Improve EFL	93	101	
Obtain GED	76	59	
Post Secondary	14	8	
Obtain Employment	29	37	
Retain Employment	13	17	
* Duplicate counts			