

# Special Health Services

## Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic Fact Sheet

For many children with cleft lip and palate, evaluation by an experienced team of professionals is necessary for an accurate diagnosis and optimal treatment planning. Families are an essential partner with the healthcare team as they are the principal caregiver and the center of strength and support for the child.

### Cleft Lip and Palate Clinics

Special Health Services (SHS) provides cleft lip and palate clinics in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot. Cleft lip and palate clinics supported by SHS provide multidisciplinary team evaluations where families have an opportunity to see many different providers in one place at one time. Reports generated from the clinic visit include recommendations to help direct care for the coming year. All children who might benefit are eligible to attend with *no* direct cost to the family. For more information, review the following link:

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/2024-Clinic-Directory.pdf>

Clinics make a positive difference in children's overall care. Families report that clinics provide:

- Information, education, and reassurance
- Diagnostic evaluation and treatment
- Coordinated/comprehensive care
- Follow-up and monitoring
- Access to specialty medical care

The sites and contact information for cleft lip and palate clinics is listed below. To schedule an appointment, or to receive care coordination services to help families plan for needed follow-up care, call SHS at 800-755-2714.

#### **Bismarck/Mandan**

McCabe United Methodist Church  
1030 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

#### **Grand Forks**

UND, Communication Science Disorders  
Columbia Hall  
501 N Columbia Rd Stop 8040  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8040

#### **Fargo**

Pontoppidan Lutheran Church  
309 North 4th Street  
Fargo, ND 58102

#### **Minot**

Communications Disorders Clinic  
Minot State University – Memorial Hall  
Minot, ND 58701

### Health-Care Providers

For a list of pediatric specialists, contact SHS at 800-755-2714. Prior approval is required by ND Medicaid and private insurance companies in some circumstances (e.g., care provided out of state, surgical procedures, etc.).