



# National Association of State Foster Care Managers

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE FOSTER CARE MANAGERS  
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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

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## STATE SHARING SUMMARY

State: North Dakota

( ) State Administered      ( X ) County Administered

Foster Care Manager/Presenter: Dean Sturn

State Population: 650,000      State Child Population: 153,000

Total Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care as of 3/31/09: 963

Congregate: 220      Family Foster Care: 531      Relative Foster Care: 126  
(as defined by your state)

Please check:

Does this number represent an:

- ( ) increase
- ( x ) decrease
- ( ) no significant change  
since the last year

Number of Foster Homes that are Licensed/Approved in your State: 959

Please check:

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Please identify one or two innovative programs in your state. We are interested in initiatives that have proven to be successful or if not, the lessons you have learned. We look forward to hearing your presentation.

North Dakota has a "Partnership Program".

"Partnerships" involves parents working together with service agencies and their own natural

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Please bring 40 copies of your typed State Sharing Summary to the NASFCM Annual Meeting.

supports. The goal is to plan and provide for the care and support for children with complex needs. The planning includes services across system lines and involves all providers of services. The plan is made around family choices and preferences and is focused on goals. All partners put their resources "on the table" for consideration during the planning process.

The Wraparound case management process is used and is based upon individualized, strength-based, needs-driven planning and service delivery. It builds more effective supports for children and their families. Wraparound changes as the needs of families change. It has core elements, and it is not a program or service. Wraparound is not something you 'get'; it's something you 'do'. It uses a child and family team, which is essential for successful wraparound teams.