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NEWS & NOTES

from ND COMPASS

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Information is still available during the shutdown!

With the government shutdown, federal data sources are difficult to access.

While many federal data websites, like the Census, are not operational during the federal shutdown, it is still possible to access some of this important information. [ND Compass](#) is a resource still providing access to social indicators key data. Historical data are available by simply clicking the gray bar above any graph and selecting "Data & Notes." [ND Compass](#) continues to provide vital information during the federal shutdown.

Our partners at [MN Compass](#) and the [Black Hills Knowledge Network](#) are also still providing much needed information. Check them out!

For Discussion

Community building through community gardens

By Kay Schwarzwalter, Research Assistant and Survey Specialist for the Center for Social Research at NDSU and Coordinator of the Cooper Community Garden

Kay discusses the many opportunities provided by community gardening.

[Read more.](#)



Ask a Researcher

North Dakota KIDS COUNT - why it counts for you

by Karen Olson who, in addition to being a ND Compass researcher, is also the program director for North Dakota KIDS COUNT.

Karen offers some insight into the KIDS COUNT program and how it can help ND Compass users - and vice versa.

[Read more.](#)



Who Do You Know?...

We at ND Compass are excited to have joined the world of Twitter!

Please take a moment to Tweet our [@NDCompass](#) profile to share with your followers!

Thank you so very much!

ND COMPASS Presentations

Ramona Danielson, Assistant Director of [ND Compass](#), presented an overview of ND Compass to the [Healthy North Dakota](#) Coordinating Committee Meeting in Bismarck on August 26th. This presentation marked ND Compass's first long-distance video presentation!

Ramona also presented for the Chamber of Fargo, Moorhead, and West Fargo on September 26th utilizing information from both [ND Compass](#) and [MN Compass](#) to provide insight on the "Changing Demographics Impacting the Local Workforce Pipeline". Another example of a great partnership!

As the Outreach and Engagement Coordinator for [ND Compass](#), Brandi Malarkey has been traveling around North Dakota and engaging many of the amazing people working hard to improve our state. In the past month she has attended the NDESPA & CHFND Summit in Bismarck, TEDx Minot - "City 2.0 - Dream me. Build me. Make me real." and the Healthy Masculinity Summit in Fargo.

By tracking and analyzing trends in areas that affect our quality of life, North Dakota Compass gives everyone in our state--policymakers, business and community leaders, and concerned individuals who live and work here--a common foundation to act on issues to improve our communities.

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