

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 to the team as they are the principal caregiver and the center of strength and support for the child. To access resources that provide guidelines for the care of children with cleft lip and palate, review the following link:

https://www.health.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/Files/HSC/SHS/Booklets/Cleft_Resource_Booklet.pdf.

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.health.nd.gov/pediatric-specialty-clinics>.

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 about cleft lip and palate clinics are 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

Century Baptist Church
205 Colt Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58504

Fargo

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

Grand Forks

UND, Communication Science Disorders
Columbia Hall, (Former Med School building)
501 N Columbia Rd Stop 8040
Grand Forks, ND 58202-8040

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 or visit <https://www.health.nd.gov/easy-use-services-and-supports>.

Prior approval is required by ND Medicaid and private insurance companies in some circumstances (e.g., care provided out of state, surgical procedures, etc.).