

## 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 principle 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](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**

Feil Orthodontics – Mandan  
1411 27<sup>th</sup> Street NW  
Mandan, ND 58554

#### **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.)**