May 2025 Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As spring awakens, there's a fresh energy in the air—and at Humboldt and District Community Services, we're embracing the season with gratitude and optimism.

This spring is especially meaningful as we continue celebrating 25 years of inclusion, support, and community connection. From our early days to where we are now, HDCS has grown because of you—our clients, families, staff, volunteers, and community partners. Together, we've created a place where everyone belongs.

We're proud to highlight the heart of our work—our programs that continue to grow and evolve with the needs of the people we serve. Our Supported Employment Program is opening new doors for individuals ready to enter the workforce, build confidence, and contribute meaningfully to our community. Through Community Inclusion Support Services, we're fostering connections, celebrating abilities, and encouraging personal growth. And in our Residential Services, we provide more than a place to live—we support individuals to thrive in homes where they feel safe, respected, and valued.

These programs are only possible because of the trust and support we receive from families, staff, volunteers, and community partners. Whether you're a longtime supporter or new to the HDCS family, you are a vital part of our journey.

We're excited about what's ahead. Planning is well underway for our 25th Anniversary Inclusion Dance, summer program event, and community celebration—we hope these events will bring together friends old and new for fun and a shared purpose.

Whether you've walked alongside us for years or are just getting to know us, we're glad you're here. Thank you for being part of our story.

With warm regards,

Juanine Korte

QR code will take you to HDCS's 2024 Annual Report





SUPPORT SERVICES AND SUMMER PROGRAM

Client Services has been very busy, and we are so happy to be meeting many new people. If you are looking for support in accessing funding, respite, mentorship, or programming, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Summer is almost here – and so is our Camp!

As the days get longer and the sun shines a little brighter, there's a buzz of excitement in the air—and here at HDCS we're counting down the days until our summer camp kicks off!

We've been busy behind the scenes crafting an unforgettable experience for our participants. Whether your child is a returning camper or joining us for the first time, we can't wait to welcome them into our summer family. We're gearing up for a season of exploration, creativity, and laughter—and we're thrilled to have you along for the ride!

What makes this year special?

We are celebrating the 25th annual Summer Recreation and Respite Camp at HDCS! Watch for details for our extra special fun wind-up event for current and past campers and staff!

Kaylee Hoffmann is returning as our summer program coordinator beginning in June – **YEAH!** Stay tuned for important updates from her!

Here's to a summer of sunshine and smiles! A special thank you to our list of sponsors:





























Did you know...

...Caregiver support groups play a crucial role in providing a space for caregivers to learn self-care, share experiences, and support one another, which leads to increased empowerment and a strong sense of community. You are not alone in this journey.

If you are parenting or caregiving for a child with diverse or additional emotional, cognitive, physical or social needs, please join our Family Group to share stories, develop friendships, and find support.

Upcoming Family Group events:

Tuesday, May 6- parent roundtable discussion

o 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

o Humboldt Early Years Family Resource Center (HEYFRC - 1605-8th Avenue) or join online via Zoom

Tuesday, May 20 – Neurodivergent Communication - presentation from Erin Strueby, Speech & Language Pathologist

o 6:30 – 7:30 pm

o Humboldt & District Community Services (517 Main Street)

Tuesday, June 17 – to be determined

- o A family social at Water Ridge Park weather permitting
- o **Or** a parent roundtable at HEYFRC
- o Details to follow

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING DATES

Adult Social Club \$5.00/person - 6:30pm-8:30pm (unless otherwise stated)

May 1, 2025 - Talent Show - St Augustine Parish

June 5, 2025 - Swimming - Uniplex 7:15pm-9pm - note time change for swimming

July - No programming

August 7, 2025 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

September 4, 2025 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

October 2, 2025 - Karaoke Night - St Augustine Parish

November 6, 2025 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

December 3, 2025 - Christmas Movie Night- St Augustine Parish

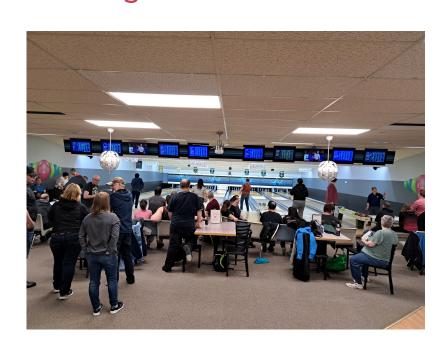
January 8, 2026 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

February 5, 2026 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

March 5, 2026 - Bingo - St Augustine Parish

April 2, 2026 - Bowling - Kemway Lanes

May 7, 2026 - Talent Show - St Augustine Parish



Inclusive Monthly Dances - St Augustine Parish Hall - 7-9pm - \$5.00/person

May 29, 2025 - 25th Anniversary Celebration - FREE - Colby Nargang performing

September 25, 2025

October 30, 2025

November 27, 2025

January 29, 2026

February 26, 2026

March 26, 2026

April 30, 2026

May 28, 2026



Presents

Colby Nargang

We are thrilled to have Colby performing as we celebrate our **25th Anniversary** at our inclusive dance on **May 29th**! We hope everyone can join us for this special event. Don't miss out on the fun!

Colby is a Regina-based entertainer whose music pays tribute to Elvis Presley and Roy Orbison.

Colby is a well-known representative for people with disabilities as he was born with a rare disorder, Williams Syndrome.

Cake and cupcakes will be served! We will have a small selection of gluten-free snacks.

Place: St Augustine Parish Hall - Humboldt
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Cost - FREE









St Augustine Parish





We'd like to announce that our work crew can now help you do the maintenance around your commercial property. We have a supported work crew who is eager to help you clean up litter and maintain the parking lot or surrounding buildings to ensure your grounds look their best.

For more information, contact Molli at HDCS 306-682-1455





To find out more about our Virtual Reality Exploration, please call the office at 306-682-1455

SHORT STORY FROM DWAYNE ANDERSON:

I am sitting on a bench at the local park under a tall oak tree. Despite the cool breeze on a sunny day, I can feel my skin grow warmer by the minute. I am as mad as fire; not even a rainstorm could put me out.

About five thousand people live in this city. Hundreds of them are currently in the park. Some hike in the woods. Others ride their bikes down the trails. Over a dozen children are playing near the swing set, enjoying a game of tag, or jumping on the hopscotch drawing. Less than a dozen are having fun in the sprinklers. Some people play other sports, including frisbee, tennis, and bocce ball, or they go over to the driving range near the local golf course. A band is performing music on their instruments under the gazebo while a large crowd is gathered in front to watch.

Of all these people, that stupid pigeon had to pull its stunt on me!

Our Vision

All individuals have meaningful connections to the community

Our Mission

Humboldt and District Community Services (HDCS) provides person-centered services in the areas of employment, community inclusion, and residential support

Our Values DIVERSITY, INTEGRITY, RESPECT, HONESTY, COMPASSION Our programs and services are person-centered, holistic, and accountable.



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