

Registration Fee:

\$15 per adult attendee - Children FREE

Make checks payable to:

ND School for the Blind Foundation

Registration Deadline:

March 17th, 2023

Accommodations:

A block of rooms is reserved under ND School for the Blind. The rate for Double Queen or Single King is \$99, plus tax per night. Rooms will be reserved until **March 17th**. To ensure you get the reduced rate, please call the hotel directly at **(701) 258-7000**.

Funded by The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill Of Rights Act.

DD Council can provide mileage at state rate, food costs at the state per diem during travel times, and hotel costs at state rate. There will be a form to fill out during Family Weekend at the registration table. DD Council will need receipts from the hotel, but will not need food receipts.

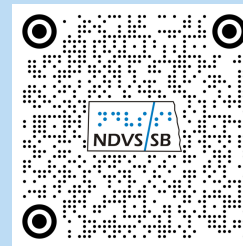
If you are not able to attend in person, there will be virtual sessions available through Zoom at no cost.



**Message from our
Superintendent
Paul Olson**

Family Weekend is an amazing once-a-year opportunity to really connect with other families who understand your hopes and needs. NDVS/SB staff and the parent planning team look forward to this weekend all year because of the positive energy and fun that everyone experiences. If you have attended in the past, please come again and share what you have learned. If you are considering coming for the first time, know that this is a fun, informal and supportive setting. You will not be disappointed! Come and let's get to know each other.

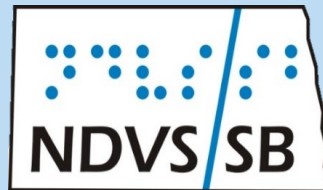
Scan the QR Code for
online registration/info
on Family Weekend.

**Our Mission**

Our mission is to empower families so that they may access information on topics relating to their child's visual impairment, develop an awareness of services and resources available on a regional and national level and become more effective advocates for their child.

What is Family Weekend?

This is an opportunity for families who have a child with vision loss (including those with additional disabilities) to listen to informational speakers one can meet other families from across North Dakota and staff from North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.



NDVS/SB is a Division of the
ND Department of Public Instruction
Kirsten Baesler, State Superintendent

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**NORTH DAKOTA VISION SERVICES/
SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
PRESENTS:**

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IN 2023

FAMILY WEEKEND
MARCH 31ST - APRIL 1ST

March 31st - 6:00PM

Ramada Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center
1400 East Interchange Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501

April 1st - Registration 8:00-8:30AM

Will-Moore Elementary School
400 E Ave E
Bismarck, ND 58501

2023

**FAMILY
WEEKEND**

AGENDA

FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2023
**AT RAMADA BISMARCK HOTEL &
CONFERENCE CENTER**

6:00-8:00 Meal and Games with North Dakota
Association of the Blind (NDAB)

SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2023
AT WILL-MOORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

8:00-8:30 Registration

8:30-10:00 Robbin Clark-Expanded Core Curriculum

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:30 Richard Crawford

11:30-12:00 Lunch

12:00-12:30 Lee Sonnenberg Executive Director -
Association for Education &
Rehabilitation of the Blind & Visually
Impaired

12:30-1:30 Family Introductions

1:30-2:00 Richard Crawford

2:00-3:00 Goalball/Daily Living Skills/CVI round-
table discussion

3:00-3:15 Trampes Brown & Presley Forward

3:15-3:30 Closing - Evaluations

Additional Information

Contact: Lanna Slaby

Phone # 701-253-3012

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Family Weekend Presenters

**RICHARD
CRAWFORD**



Richard P. Crawford Jr. was born and raised in Grinnell, Iowa. By age ten, Rich was legally blind from Retinitis Pigmentosa and totally blind by 20. He began attending the Iowa School for the Blind at Vinton, Iowa. After five years, Rich was asked to leave the school for the blind because he was a discipline problem. He went back to Grinnell, IA, to attend public school. This was long before the integration of handicapped students into classrooms. Rich overcame many obstacles in his high school career. After high school graduation, Rich became the first person in his family to attend college. Rich graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, IA., with majors in Business Administration and Business Education. He graduated in just 3 years while holding down numerous part-time jobs. He later received his MBA from the University of South Dakota. In January 2017, after 41 years in the investment business, Rich retired as Senior Vice President investment advisor of R. W. Baird. His team managed over 235 million in assets with clients from over 25 states doing business with fourth and fifth generations of family members. Rich is looking forward to the next chapter of his wonderful life and giving and sharing with others.



**ROBBIN
CLARK**

Robbin Clark is an Expanded Core enthusiast! She currently serves as the Director of Expanded Core Curriculum & Instruction at the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind and is the camp director for Camp Abilities Utah, a one-week developmental sports camp for children with visual impairments. Prior to her current work, she worked seven years as the vision rehabilitation therapist in the Children's Services division at BESB in Connecticut.



**North Dakota
Association of
the Blind**

One of the goals of NDAB is to enhance the way of life for persons who are visually impaired. We promote education and social and cultural betterment for these individuals and encourage and assist them, especially those who are newly blinded, to develop their abilities and to assume their responsible places in their communities.

Family Weekend Sponsors

- North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation
- North Dakota Optometric Foundation
- The Wollan Family on behalf of Lowry Engineering
- The North Dakota State Council on Developmental Disabilities under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill Of Rights Act.