



# DISTRICT 4 HRDC

Quarterly Newsletter-Summer 2023

## HiSET Test Schedule

### Havre:

July 11th & 25th

August 8th & 22nd

### Ft. Belknap:

July 21st

August 11th

### Rocky Boy:

July 19th

August 16th

For more information contact:

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## Career Opportunities:

### EHS Teacher

### Pathways Client Advocate

[Click Here for more information on our career opportunities](#)



## 6 Individuals Achieve Hi-Set through the Adult Education Program

The Adult Education program has assisted 6 individuals in achieving their Hi-Set so far in 2023. The Hi-Set is comprised of five tests: Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Individuals ages 16 and up can take the Hi-Set, but those under 18 must have a guardian's permission. Current Hi-Set testing sites are District 4 HRDC, Aaniiih Nakoda College, and Stone Child College. Testing dates and contact information can be found on the left side of this page.

Upcoming  
Agency  
Closures:



July  
4th



August  
18th



September  
4th

## What's New

### **Violence Intervention Programs**

Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter

The Stop Program for Women

### **Rural Program**

We are waiting for funds to be released for a new grant. This grant will allow us to better work with victims who are residing along the hi-line that wouldn't necessarily have access to services where they live. We will work to bring awareness and strengthen collaboration among our services providers and enhance services to all victims in our service area.

### **Support Groups**

We invite you to join us for Beyond Trauma-a men's support group and Survivor Stories-a women's support group. A safe and confidential place where victims who are experiencing or have experienced violence can come and receive peer support.

Call 406-265-6743 for more information.

# Meet the Victim Services Staff

## **Rose DeBerry** **Victim Services Director** **deberryr@hrdc4.org**

Rose has been with District 4 HRDC as the Victim Services Director since November 2021. Rose oversees the day to day operations of the program as well as facilitates some educational groups and provides advocacy services. Her favorite thing about her position is the sharing of information and helping those in need navigate systems.

## **Jenna Byrd** **Victim Services Advocate** **byrdj@hrdc4.org**

Jenna has been with Victim Services since August and is coming up on her 1-year anniversary. Jenna's training includes advocacy for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Jenna offers emotional support, victims' rights information, safety planning, and resource referrals. She accompanies victims and their families through the criminal justice proceedings, order of protections, forensic interviews and any other court appointment they need assistance with. Jenna says she works with a great team and with our small but powerful group of 3 we are helping by, empowering victims to live violence free.

## **Desiree Bachmeier** **Shelter Manager/Volunteer Coordinator** **bachmeierd@hrdc4.org**

Desiree has been with Victim Services as the Shelter Manager/Volunteer Coordinator since August 2022. As the shelter manager, Desiree helps connect shelter clients with resources such as housing, councilors, transportation, etc. Part of her job includes making sure the shelter is running as efficiently as possible. Right now, we're working on getting newer appliances for the shelter and getting a better organization system down for our clothing room. Desiree also does the recruitment for volunteers for our crisis line and make the monthly on call schedules.



## **National Community Action Partnership Visits District 4 HRDC**

Three employees from the National Community Action Partnership in Washington D.C, paid a visit to District 4 HRDC at the end of April. The team consisted of Denise Harlow, CEO, Jennifer Gregory, Director of Mobility Learning Design & Practice, and Maribeth Schneber, Director of Organizational Capacity Building.

The team met with members of the Whole Family Approach team to give their valuable input and guidance on the implementation of the Whole Family Approach practice within the Agency. The overall goal of the purpose of the Whole Family Approach is to provide a road map for Community Action Agencies to use to pursue a new approach to break the cycle of intergenerational poverty.

## **Apartments are Available for Rent**

A one-bedroom apartment will be available at the end of June for rent at the 3rd Ave. location. This is a secure building with laundry facility on site.

Antelope Court Apartments, a 30-unit property, has available one two-bedroom apartment and one one-bedroom apartment. Antelope Court is not a subsidized property, tenant is responsible for the full rent. Rent does include water, sewer and garbage fee. Applications can be completed and submitted to be on the waiting list.

Buffalo Court Apartments are a senior housing property with 20 units on the property. Currently all apartments are rented. Applications can be completed and submitted to be on the waiting list.

If you have questions about any of the properties call HRDC4 at 406-265-6743 and speak with Fern.



## **Career Closet Receives Large Donation from Hi-Line Mission Group**



District 4 HRDC's Career Closet recently received a large donation of clothing from the Hi-Line Mission Group. The Hi-line Mission Group collects clothing and items for missions to Tanzania but due to the recent public health crisis they were unable to complete the mission. The group had been storing the items with the help of Dr. Carley Robertson but decided that they needed to clear the space. We appreciate the donation and the hard work put in by the Hi-Line Ministries group to collect and organize the items. Join HRDC 4 in thanking The Hi-Line Mission group and Dr. Carley Robertson for all they do.

HRDC 4's Career Closet is intended to help individuals get the clothing they need to attend a job interview and get through the first few weeks of work. To access the Career Closet we accept referrals from community partners and from within HRDC for individuals that need a boost to get them started with employment. The closet has shoes, accessories, tops, bottoms, and scrubs for men and women. The Career Closet was started for our community with support from Independence Bank.

## **WIOA Program Seeking Participants**

WIOA Youth serves youth aged 16-24 and it aims to help with employment, career development, and barrier reduction. Youth enrolled in the program have access to assistance with obtaining a HiSET (if needed), training, skill development, career exploration, and paid work experiences to name a few. The program is accepting applications for out-of-school youth for immediate enrollment and will be looking to begin enrolling in-school youth in the coming months. We would love to partner with more businesses, organizations, and individuals to help build the skills of the youth. For more information contact Greg or Kiera at HRDC 4.

## **Havre Community Food Bank Seeing Large Numbers of Clients**

The Havre Community Food Bank saw 1,930 individuals visit during the month of May. 560 food boxes containing shelf-stable food and meat were distributed throughout the month. A total of 62,745 pounds of food were given to families in Hill County in May. All Hill County residents are eligible to visit the Food Bank produce and bakery sections once a week.

Donations are always welcome at the Havre Community Food Bank. District 4 HRDC would like to thank Havre Post Office and the community for participating in the Stamp Out To Hunger Food Drive with over 2,217 lbs. of food donated.

## **Energy Program Updates**

The 2022-2023 Low Income Home Energy and Water Assistance season wrapped up with final applications received on April 30th.

Approximately 471 applications were processed with 377 households that received assistance.

The Big Flat Electric program assisted 32 households this season, all the funds were utilized. Funding is still available for the Hill County Electric program, applications are available by contacting the energy program at HRDC at 406-265-6743.

The Summer Weatherization program is currently accepting applications until September 30, 2023. An intake day accepting applications for the Hill County Electric Program will be held on July 6th from 10:00 am-2:00 pm at the Rocky Boy Senior Center.

A significant change in the Energy Share Program will go into effect July 1st. It will no longer be a loan program, repayment of received benefit will be optional.



The Leaping Lizards classroom playing in a water table.



The April Family Fun night theme was painting.



The Jungle classroom had a fashion show featuring designs made by the children.



NMCDC held a Kindergarten Transition night in partnership with the Highland Park School.

# NMCDC Events



The end of the year barbeque was held at Pepin Park.