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Debra Hart has over 20 years of experience working with children, youth, and adults with disabilities. Her most relevant recent experience includes training around universal design for learning and technology, media, and materials for school districts in Massachusetts; training and technical assistance on creating access to college for students with significant disabilities for college statewide; and work with the National Center for the Study of Post-secondary Education Supports, a Rehabilitation Research and Training Center at the University of Hawaii. Debra has produced numerous training documents and published articles related to creating access to post-secondary education for students with significant disabilities, the role of assistive and instructional technology, coordinating and managing services and supports in secondary, post-secondary, and employment settings, and strategies and instructional practices that assist students with disabilities in participating in school, college, and employment.

Cate Weir, M.Ed. Cate is the project coordinator for the NIDRR funded *Center on Post-secondary Education Options for Students with Intellectual Disabilities* and the ADD funded *Consortium on Post-secondary Education for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities* at the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Cate's expertise includes the provision of individual supports for post-secondary education for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, universal design for

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North Dakota Think College Institute:

**Post-secondary Experiences
for Youth with Intellectual/
Developmental Disabilities**

**Grand International
Minot, ND**

March 31, 2010

9am– Noon

Lunch on your own

1:00- 4:00pm





Developing a plan for North Dakota will take the combined efforts of parents, educators, administrators, community support providers and state agencies.

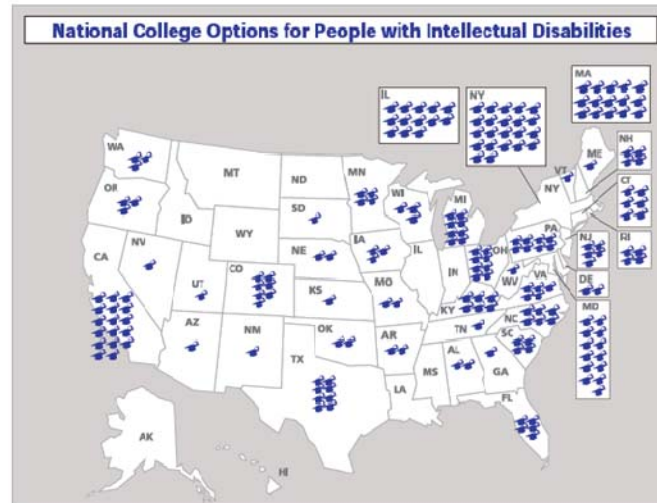
YOU ARE INVITED

The North Dakota **Think College Steering Committee** invites you to participate in the **Think College Institute** on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Grand International Inn, Minot.

At the **Think College Institute**, participants will learn about inclusive post-secondary experience (PSE) options for youth with I/DD including:

- Existing programs in other states
- Best practice approaches
- Funding streams
- Collaborative relationships necessary for development and implementation of inclusive PSE programs

Participants will **form workgroups** that provide information to guide the development of a strategic plan for PSE in North Dakota.



The **purpose of this project** is to engage key stakeholders in ND in collaborative development of a strategic plan for implementing inclusive post-secondary experiences for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. **Technical assistance** will be provided to the ND Think College strategic planning effort by the Institute for Community Inclusion at the University of Massachusetts. Debra Hart and Cate Weir will provide an overview of PSE options for youth with I/DD nationwide and guide the strategic planning initiative for inclusive PSE options for North Dakota.

Who should attend:

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| Families | Students |
| Postsecondary educators | State and local agencies |
| Secondary transition teachers | Community-based support providers |
| Special education administrators | Others... |

Take advantage of the opportunity to help shape post-secondary experiences of youth with I/DD in ND.

The registration deadline is **March 19, 2010**. (Late registration will be accepted if space permits.)

Participants

1. _____
2. _____

Agency or School _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Accommodations if needed _____

To register call, email or FAX

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Hotel Reservations at the Grand International Inn, Minot, ND, (701) 852-3161 must be made **by 3/17/10**. Ask for the Think College room block.

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