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ECKERT YOUTH HOMES

Newsletter

Growing New Opportunities on the Residential Campus

What began as a grant proposal has grown into an exciting new addition to Eckert Youth Homes' residential campus. Chelsea Christie, Program Director, developed the original grant request for a campus greenhouse. Although that request was not selected for funding, the team continued looking for another opportunity to bring the project to life. When the MWEC Impact Grant became available, Ashley Pierce, LAC, revised the grant proposal and submitted it for consideration. In January 2026, after being awarded, Chelsea Christie, participated in an interview with MWEC to provide additional information and updates about the project.



Construction officially began during the second quarter, with employees from Hulk Tools generously volunteering their time to help assemble the greenhouse. Their support brought the project one step closer to becoming a welcoming, hands-on therapeutic space for the youth we serve.

The greenhouse will expand our therapeutic programming by introducing structured horticultural activities. Horticulture therapy has been shown to reduce stress, improve mood, and support overall well-being. Through planting, caring for, and harvesting plants, youth will have opportunities to develop responsibility, teamwork, patience, vocational skills, and healthy recreational interests, all of which can support long-term recovery and wellness.

The greenhouse will also create meaningful educational opportunities in horticulture, sustainability, STEM, food awareness, science, and environmental education. Most importantly, it will give youth another way to learn, connect, and experience success through hands-on activities.

As a trauma-informed care facility, Eckert Youth Homes is committed to meeting youth where they are and identifying treatment approaches that work for each individual. The greenhouse adds another accessible and engaging treatment strategy to our campus while supporting our mission of providing services that encourage continued growth and development, both for the plants and for the young people caring for them.

Thank you MWEC for this great contribution to our program!

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Hook, Line and Prevention

Eckert is committed to providing outreach and prevention services throughout Williston and the surrounding communities. One of Eckert's signature initiatives is Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs (HOFNOD), a community event that promotes outdoor recreation while educating youth and families about the dangers of substance use.

Originally held annually for Williston fifth-grade students, this event had been discontinued for nearly a decade before Eckert revived it in 2024. Since then, the event has continued to grow, with both the 2024 and 2025 events welcoming more than 100 youth. Each participant not only learned or strengthened a lifelong recreational skill through fishing but also received valuable prevention education and healthy coping strategies. For 2026, our goal was to engage at least 150 youth while promoting substance use prevention, positive coping skills, and family-centered wellness.

The success of this event would not be possible without the incredible support of our community partners. Over the past three years, local businesses and organizations have generously donated fishing poles, supplies, funding for bait and meals, and countless volunteer hours. We are grateful for the continued support of Well Pro, the Lions Club, Scheels of Minot, North Dakota Health and Human Services, the Williston Police Department, the Williston Sheriff's Department, Scenic Sports, ND85, Upper Missouri Health District, United Sportsmen of Williston, Western Cooperative Credit Union, Knife River, Coca-Cola, Chord Energy, Williston Parks and Recreation, Susie Q's, and many other individuals who helped make this event possible. Their partnership has allowed us to continue providing this free community event year after year.

This year's event was held on June 27, 2026, marking the third consecutive year Eckert has hosted HOFNOD. I am excited to report that we exceeded our goal for youth attendance. We distributed all 100 free fishing poles within the first hour of the event and used more than 500 worms for bait throughout the day. Most importantly, every child who attended was introduced to a healthy, positive coping skill while building lasting memories with family and friends.

Eckert continues to lead this event and strengthen relationships with families, community partners, and local organizations. Through outreach efforts like Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs, Eckert is making a meaningful and lasting impact on youth and families while continuing to build a strong, positive presence within the Williston community.

"I think HOFNOD is a fun way to teach youth and parents how substance abuse impacts one's life."

TUDIE CROSBY
LICENSED ADDICTION COUNSELOR







HEALING THROUGH CONNECTION

Equine Therapy at Rising Stars

As part of Eckert Youth Homes' ongoing effort to expand meaningful recreational and therapeutic opportunities for residents, Ashley Pierce, LAC, was tasked with exploring new extracurricular activities for the youth. Her search led to Rising Stars Equine Therapy in Epping, North Dakota, where youth could participate in a unique, hands-on experience with horses.

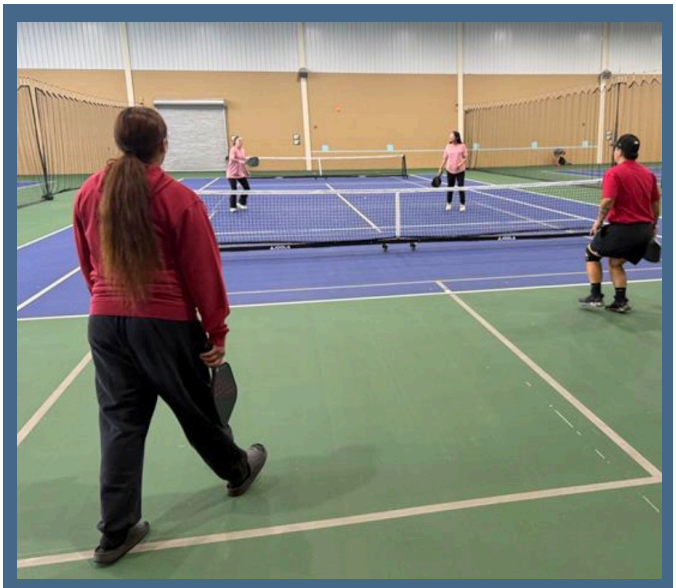
Although the cost of providing equine therapy presented a challenge, a generous donation from HULK Tools made it possible for Eckert to continue offering this valuable opportunity. HULK Tools has been a dedicated community partner since 2024, generously supporting Eckert through both financial contributions and employee volunteerism. Their continued involvement has helped create meaningful opportunities and experiences for the youth we serve, including access to equine therapy that may not otherwise have been possible.

Community Partner: HULK Tools



Equine therapy can be especially meaningful for youth in treatment, encouraging trust, patience, responsibility, communication, and emotional awareness. Connecting with horses provides a calming, nonjudgmental environment where youth can build confidence, practice healthy boundaries, manage stress, and develop healthier ways of responding to their emotions. For some youth, connecting with an animal may feel more comfortable than opening up to another person. These experiences can complement traditional treatment by allowing youth to practice important skills in a hands-on and supportive setting.

> **"Working with horses can be intimidating for the youth who come and have never interacted a horse. It is rewarding to see them overcome fear, and engage with the horse, whether it's grooming or riding, learning how to balance on the back of a horse."**
> **-Katrina, owner of Rising Stars Equine Therapy**



Eckert's First Pickleball Tournament

In July 2026, Eckert hosted its first-ever Pickleball Tournament, bringing together staff and current youth for a day of friendly competition and connection. With the help of Licensed Addiction Counselor Tudie Crosby, the tournament was organized from start to finish, including teaching participants the official rules and format of pickleball. Six teams, each consisting of one youth and one staff member, competed in a double-elimination tournament that concluded with an awards ceremony and closing remarks. Although none of the participating youth had played pickleball prior to attending Eckert, they reported thoroughly enjoying the experience. The event provided an opportunity to build relationships with staff, engage in healthy physical activity, and reinforce the importance of recreation as part of the recovery process.

Teamwork **Recreation** **Community**

STRONGER SYSTEMS, BRIGHTER FUTURE



From January through June, Dr. Leah Hoffman participated in Leadership North Dakota through the University of Mary. The program brings together leaders from across the state to strengthen systems-level leadership, strategic decision-making, and cross-sector collaboration.

Eckert's Leadership in Action

Each month, participants spent two days in a different North Dakota Community. Dr. Leah Hoffman, Clinical Director & COO, toured organizations, met community leaders, and learned about industries and issues affecting our state.

These experiences gave Dr. Hoffman opportunities to build relationships and increase awareness of Eckert throughout North Dakota. While touring Bobcat in Bismarck, she shared that 18 youth from the Bismarck-Mandan area traveled to Eckert for treatment in 2025. It was a natural opportunity to introduce Eckert's work and begin a conversation that could lead to future support.

A tour of the North Dakota State Penitentiary was especially meaningful. It prompted Dr. Hoffman to reflect on the importance of reaching young people before challenges such as trauma, addiction, and instability lead to more serious and lasting consequences.

The experience reinforced a powerful idea:

Prevention matters

That lesson connects directly to our work at Eckert. We are not simply treating addiction; we are helping interrupt a life trajectory. By providing support, structure, and healthy coping skills at a pivotal time, we can help youth make choices that lead toward recovery and a more hopeful future.

Every relationship we build, boundary we set, and skill we teach has the potential to change the direction of a youth's life.

Dr. Hoffman plans to use the knowledge and statewide connections she gained to strengthen Eckert's partnerships, increase awareness of our mission, and provide internal training on topics explored through the program.

"We may not know what challenges are coming next, but I can continue preparing myself to lead through them. Leadership North Dakota has broadened my perspective, strengthened my relationships across the state, and given me new tools and ideas that I can bring back to Eckert as we continue to grow and adapt."

-Dr. Leah Hoffman

Building North Dakota's Addiction Counseling Workforce: TAAP's Impact at Eckert

For Eckert Youth Homes, developing a strong addiction counseling workforce is more than a staffing priority, it is essential to our ability to provide specialized substance use disorder treatment to adolescents from across North Dakota. As the state's only residential addiction treatment program specifically serving youth, finding qualified addiction professionals, particularly in rural western North Dakota, has historically been a significant challenge. The Training Academy for Addiction Professionals (TAAP) has helped change that.

Supported in part by an Opioid Settlement Fund grant and administered through Heartview Foundation, TAAP is designed to strengthen North Dakota's behavioral health workforce by reducing barriers to entering the addiction counseling profession, developing clinical supervisors, and creating pathways for students and trainees to obtain the education and supervised experience necessary for licensure.

At Eckert, the impact of that work is especially tangible. Every addiction counselor currently serving on Eckert's team came through the TAAP training pathway under the clinical supervision of Eckert Clinical Director and COO Dr. Leah Hoffman. Frank Reck, Tudie Crosby, Terra Ellingson, Tonja Bopp, and Ashley Pierce were each hired and trained through this process and went on to become fully licensed addiction counselors. Today, they provide specialized treatment to adolescents and families from communities throughout North Dakota. But TAAP's impact through Eckert extends well beyond our own workforce.

"What is happening at Eckert is exactly what we hoped TAAP could accomplish. We are removing barriers, creating opportunities for people to become licensed addiction counselors, and supporting clinical supervisors and training sites that are willing to invest in the next generation. The result is more professionals staying right here in North Dakota and serving the communities that need them."

— Denise Andress, Director, TAPP

Building North Dakota's Addiction Counseling Workforce: TAAP's Impact at Eckert Continued

Eckert has become a training site and supervision resource for addiction professionals throughout western North Dakota. Another full time TAAP trainee completed training at Eckert and remained in the Williston community to practice. Three local Licensed Clinical Social Workers have also received training toward dual licensure in addiction counseling, expanding the number of professionals in our region who are equipped to address both mental health and substance use needs.

Currently, two additional trainees from New Town, North Dakota, travel to Williston for clinical supervision. Once licensed, the skills and experience they are developing will return with them to the New Town community, demonstrating how an investment in one training relationship can ultimately expand access to addiction treatment hundreds of miles beyond Eckert's campus.

Eckert has also welcomed numerous other LAC trainees who complete portions of their supervised training hours within our residential program. These experiences give developing professionals exposure to adolescent substance use treatment, trauma-informed care, residential programming, and the complex needs of youth and families, experience that can be difficult to obtain elsewhere in the state.

At Eckert, TAAP has helped turn interested students and developing professionals into licensed addiction counselors. It has helped experienced mental health professionals expand their expertise through dual licensure. It has allowed professionals from neighboring rural and Tribal communities to access clinical supervision that may not otherwise be available to them. And it has created opportunities for trainees from throughout North Dakota to gain specialized experience working with adolescents struggling with substance use disorders. Most importantly, those professionals remain in North Dakota, serving North Dakota youth, adults, families, and communities.



The Fearless Roughrider Team Award honors teams demonstrating courage, innovation, adaptability and a commitment doing what is right. This year's recipients were:

- N.D. Training Academy for Addiction Professionals (TAAP), led by Denise Andress. TAAP provides apprenticeship-style training for students pursuing careers in addiction counseling.

Awarded at the fifth annual Behavioral Health and Children and Family Services Conference held Oct. 20-23 in Bismarck

Tobacco Treatment Specalist

Eckert received $61,444 from the NDQuits Cessation Program for 2026–2027, an increase from $43,000 in 2025. Funding supports nicotine cessation efforts, including NRT for residential youth, staff training, and professional development. Two staff members will also have the opportunity to attend the National Nicotine Conference in California in 2027.

Of the total award, $38,000 will support Eckert Outpatient, covering school-based service delivery, travel, materials, and outcome tracking. Eckert currently has four staff members who have completed the required training and hours to serve as Tobacco Treatment Specialists: Carly Collings, LMSW; Tonja Bopp, LMAC; Dr. Hoffman, PhD, LMAC; and Frank Reck, LAC.

United Way Donation

United Way recently awarded Eckert's outpatient office funds to assist in travel expenses. This supports local youth in having increased access to services as providers now have additional resources to provide transportation to youth.

This funding supports recovery amongst local youth and encourages continued engagement in services by removing socioeconomic barriers. The United Way donation allows sessions to continue without interruption when school gets out, as youth can transition from school sessions to being picked up for sessions. In the summer, a minimum of 5 youth a week get picked up for their sessions and will utilize the awarded $1,898.

ECKERT OUTPATIENT SERVICES

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES



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ADOLESCENT LEVEL 2.1

Intensive Outpatient Treatment
6 to 9 hours of treatment per week with group and individual sessions.

ADOLESCENT LEVEL 1

Outpatient Treatment
1 to 5 hours of weekly treatment with group and/or individual sessions.

SUBSTANCE USE ASSESSMENTS

ASAM evaluations to determine the severity of substance use and recommend the most appropriate level of care.

ADULT LEVEL 1

Outpatient Program
1 to 6 hours of weekly treatment with individual sessions.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES



Carly Collings, LMSW

Licensed Mental Health Counselor

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DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENTS

Comprehensive evaluations to identify mental health concerns, determine diagnosis, and provide personalized treatment recommendations.

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

A safe space for youth to explore their thoughts, emotions, and challenges while building coping skills and working toward personal goals.

SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

Providing mental health and substance use support directly within the school setting, allowing youth to receive services in a familiar environment while building coping skills, improving emotional wellness, and working toward personal goals.

TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Offering convenient, confidential virtual support that allows youth and families to access mental health and substance use services from the comfort of their own space while maintaining consistent care and connection.



Red Ribbon Week

In November 2025, Eckert entered the National Red Ribbon Week Photo Contest with the theme, “Life is a Puzzle, Solve It Drug Free.” Our door featured puzzle pieces highlighting coping skills identified by our current clients, along with a QR code connecting community members to local resources.

After several weeks of public voting, we were thrilled to learn that Eckert’s door received the most votes in our region, representing much of the Midwest!

As the winner, Eckert received $1,000 and an iPad. We are using the cash prize to collaborate with Williston High School on creative ways to enhance drug prevention and education efforts in our schools. We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity and excited for what’s ahead!

INVESTING IN PEOPLE, EXPANDING CARE



Investing in Future Social Workers

Chelsea Christie, Program Director, LBSW

Eckert Youth Homes is proud to help prepare the next generation of social workers through hands-on field education opportunities. Over the past year, four social work interns completed their field education placements at Eckert. One intern completed a master's-level placement, while three interns completed bachelor's-level placements. Eckert has partnered with the University of North Dakota, Maryville University, and the University of Nebraska at Kearney to provide students with meaningful field education experience in a residential treatment setting. Program Director Chelsea Christie has served as Field Education Instructor and Task Supervisor for social work students, providing supervision and mentorship as they applied academic learning, core social work competencies, and the NASW Code of Ethics in real-world practice.

Interns gain meaningful experience in a trauma-informed residential setting, learning alongside Eckert's treatment team and Direct Care staff as they support youth with substance use and co-occurring mental health and complex needs. Their placements have provided opportunities to develop practical skills in educational case management, trauma-informed engagement, behavioral observation and documentation, treatment and discharge planning, safety planning, de-escalation, group facilitation, family communication, interdisciplinary collaboration, confidentiality and professional boundaries, and coordination with stakeholders and community partners.

These partnerships benefit more than just the students. Interns bring fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and additional support to the program while gaining the confidence and practical skills needed to enter the social work profession. Their presence strengthens services for youth and helps build the behavioral health workforce needed in our region. By serving as a field placement site, Eckert continues its commitment to youth, families, and the communities we serve.

Expanding Wellness Opprtunities



Ashley Pierce, LMAC

Eckert recently received a $2,000 Impact Grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota Caring Foundation. Ashley Pierce, Licensed Addiction Counselor, submitted the successful request with a focus on health, wellness, and nutrition education.

The funding will help residents more easily access physical recreation and develop healthy, positive coping skills. It will support continued use of private court space at the Raymond Center and provide access to nutrition education classes at the Williston ARC.

Thanks to the Caring Foundation's full funding of the request, Eckert can expand opportunities for residents to stay active, learn about nutrition, and build habits that support their overall well-being.

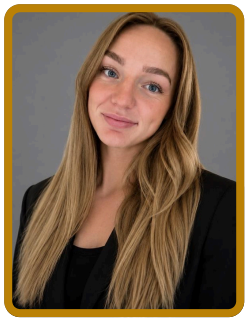
★ $2,000 Impact Grant

Improving Access to Health Care

Eckert is expanding access to health services so youth can receive timely care for both immediate and previously unaddressed needs. A standing weekly appointment is available with Kaitlyn Burch, FNP, at Trinity Health, and youth also receive care from Alissa Larsen, FNP, at McKenzie County Healthcare. Eckert is also beginning to work with McKenzie Moore at Moor Minds Matter.

COMMON AREAS OF CARE

- SLEEP CONCERNS
- MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
- NICOTINE CESSATION
- STD TESTING



Haley Robinson, HSC

By helping youth connect with trusted local providers, Eckert can address barriers to care and support each resident's overall health and well-being as part of the recovery process.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

DAY IN THE LIFE OF A **CASE MANAGER:** VICTORIA ZINERMON



MORE THAN A JOB

People often ask what I do as a Case Manager, and the honest answer is... a little bit of everything.

No two days are ever the same. I may spend the morning coordinating discharge plans, then find myself helping a youth through a crisis, meeting with families or probation officers, advocating with schools, accompanying a youth to a job interview, touring an apartment, leading groups, or simply being a listening ear. Every day requires flexibility, patience, and the ability to adapt.

A large part of my role is preparing youth for life after treatment. I coordinate with parents, schools, probation officers, therapists, social workers, and community agencies to ensure youth have the support they need to succeed. I help remove barriers related to education, employment, housing, transportation, and community resources, while coordinating discharge planning and advocating for each youth. I also assist youth through the Job Corps application process and reinforce relapse prevention plans alongside our Licensed Addiction Counselors.

> "My goal is to show youth that their future does not have to look like their past."

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Victoria marks five years of dedication and service at Eckert.

The most rewarding part of my job is building relationships with our youth. I enjoy celebrating milestones, teaching life skills, helping with employment, planning birthday and discharge celebrations, volunteering in the community, and introducing youth to experiences they may have never had before. These everyday moments of encouragement and consistency are often just as meaningful as the clinical work.

WHOLE-PERSON HEALTH

I am also passionate about improving oral health for the youth we serve. Many have gone years without consistent dental care, and untreated dental problems can become barriers to recovery. I had the opportunity to present to the Williston Community Builders with Dr. Leah Hoffman, Clinical Director, to advocate for bringing the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile of North Dakota to Williston, increasing access to dental care for children and families in our community. Through that presentation, our project was awarded a $20,000 grant to support bringing the Care Mobile to Williston. I have also presented at the Annual Nicotine Conference in Bismarck on adolescent nicotine dependence, recovery, and oral health.



Being a Case Manager is challenging, unpredictable, and incredibly rewarding. Whether I'm coordinating a discharge plan, helping a youth prepare for a job interview, advocating for resources, or simply listening, my purpose remains the same: to help young people believe that the life they were given does not have to be the life they live forever. If a youth leaves our program with hope, confidence, and the belief that change is possible, then I've done my job.

SHAPE A LIFE...
BUILD A FUTURE

SUCCESS STORY: FROM UNCERTAINITY TO OPPORTUNITY

When a young man first entered Eckert's residential program, he faced challenges that made it difficult to see what his future could become. Though treatment, he committed himself to recovery, developed healthy coping skills, and began building a foundation for a life free from substance use.

Eckert is proud to share that he has remained sober since discharging from our program. During a recent follow-up call, his excitement and confidence were unmistakable. He shared that he is currently working two jobs, one in construction and another as a roofer, and is thriving in both roles.

Even more inspiring, he is now considering going to college to continue building the future he has worked so hard to create. His determination, resilience, and commitment to recovery are a reminder that lasting change is possible when youth are given the support, encouragement, and opportunities they deserve. Stories like this demonstrates that recovery doesn't end when treatment does. With continued perseverance and a strong support system, young people can achieve goals they once thought were out of reach. Every success story begins with someone believing in them.

"The staff are well trained to handle emotional stuff, like if you are going through something, they can help you with it. They are very understanding and they actually want to help and care".

-Eckert Past Resident

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HELP CREATE THE NEXT SUCCESS STORY

Your gift today helps provide hope, healing, and opportunity for youth and families across North Dakota. **Together, we can build a stonger future for the next generation.**

YES! I want to invest in the future of young people.

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Fred, the therapy dog

Fred brings a unique kind of healing to our program.
For our residents, he provides an instant bridge to connection. In moments of loneliness, anxiety, or confusion, their gentle presence offers silent reassurance. A few moments spent petting a dog can lower blood pressure, spark joyful memories, and bring a sense of home to those who need it most.

For our dedicated staff, Fred offers a sense of calm and much-needed mental break. He brings joy into the hallways, lightens heavy days, and fosters a more connected workplace.

Fred proves that healing goes beyond medicine, showing us the true power of a comforting presence and unconditional love.



"When feeling down or feeling cravings Fred is like a healthy drug, he makes being here better".

"The days that I feel overwhelmed or buried with work, Fred makes me stop to remember to be in the moment and makes me realize that everything will be okay."