

## Meet our Staff



**Brent A. Askvig, Ph.D., Project Director**

Dr. Askvig is a retired special education professor with expertise and training in elementary education, special education, severe disabilities, early intervention, and adult services. He was a classroom teacher for children with significant support needs, a community services provider to adults with intellectual disabilities, and an early interventionist for infants and toddlers in rural North Dakota. Dr. Askvig was project director of the North Dakota Deaf-Blind project from 1994 – 1999 and is excited to once again be working with families and educators across the state.



**Rebecca Foster, OTD, OTR/L, Family Engagement Coordinator**

Ms. Foster is an occupational therapist who brings many years of both personal and professional experience with children and youth who have a variety of disabilities and special health care needs, including those with hearing and/or visual impairment. In addition to having a clinical doctorate in occupational therapy, she maintains her national certification as an EMT and works in her local community in this capacity. Rebecca currently works as an early intervention provider with the Minot Infant Development Program and works with the Dual Sensory Project and Project SCOPE ND (project to address needs of infants born with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome/Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome), with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.



**Kelly Prellwitz, MS, ECSE, Family Engagement Coordinator**

Ms. Prellwitz is an Early Interventionist at Minot Infant Development. She brings many years of experience, personally and professionally, working with children with a variety of developmental delays and disabilities. She is the parent of a 16-

year-old and an 8-year-old who each have their own special needs. She is a foster parent to a 20-month-old that has multiple disabilities and is part of the Dual Sensory Project. Kelly is currently the Family Engagement Coordinator with the Dual Sensory Project and Project SCOPE ND (project to address needs of infants born with Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome/ Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome), with the North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities.



**Korie Huettl, Administrative Assistant**

Ms. Huettl is a lead administrative assistant at NDCPD with over 25 years experience in disability agencies. She is an expert in outreach communication strategies, organization and planning, along with precise record-keeping.