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Do You Know Someone with a Disability?

If so, please come and learn about a new option in Crow Wing County to empower individuals with special needs and assist in keeping them safe. Crow Wing County Community Services in partnership with local police departments has been working to launch the **Vitals** application – **Vitals Aware Services** in the county. The app is an effort to improve communication, safety and independence.

Vitals Aware will be in Crow Wing County on Wednesday, March 28th offering two sessions for people to learn more about this service. The first session will be from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm and a second session from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Crow Wing County Land Services Building at 322 Laurel Street, Brainerd.

Trish Exsted, Disability Services Supervisor involved in bringing **Vital Aware Services** to Crow Wing County states “this technology allows consumers with special needs greater independence in the community while protecting the individual and the community by providing up-to-date information to police and emergency personnel.”

Vitals Aware Services is the first real-time service designed to empower individuals with special needs. Vitals improves communication, safety and interactions with police and emergency responders by helping individuals communicate their specialized needs. Additionally, Vitals provides individualized care instructions to de-escalate and safely resolve incidents. To learn more about the application, visit www.thevitalsapp.com.

Crow Wing County Community Services provides services to more than 430 individuals with disabilities and an additional 530 consumers over age 65 years of age who may have some vulnerabilities. The agency is dedicated to working together to strengthen our community.

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Our Mission: Serve well. Deliver value. Drive results.

Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.