



## Welcome to NDE !



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## Open Enrollment 2015-2016 REMINDER

This year's Open Enrollment begins at 8:00 a.m. CST on May 6th and ends Wednesday, May 20th at 5:00 p.m. CST.

**"All employees eligible for benefits will need to complete Open Enrollment ..."**  
[Read More from DAS ...](#)

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## 2016-2017 Wellness Options Qualifications

To qualify for enrollment into the Wellness Health Plan beginning July 1, 2016, both the employee and spouse (if enrolled) must complete all 3 STEPS on an annual basis.

- **COMPLETE AN ANNUAL BIOMETRIC SCREENING**  
Three confidential options available April 1 – May 31, 2015.
- **COMPLETE AN ANNUAL ONLINE HEALTH ASSESSMENT**  
The confidential online questionnaire must be completed between April 1 – May 31, 2015.
- **ENROLL AND COMPLETE A WELLNESS PROGRAM**  
Enroll and begin your choice of at least one of the following confidential wellness programs between April 1 – November 20, 2015.  
Complete the program by March 31, 2016.

Log In: [Wellness Options Website](#)

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## Employee and Supervisor of the Year Nominations

It is time to submit your nominations for Employee and Supervisor/Manager-of-the-Year.

Please review the guidelines prior to completing a nomination form by clicking on the link below. Electronic submissions will be accepted.

[Employee of the Year and Supervisor/Manager of the Year Guidelines](#)

Nomination forms must be returned to Human Resources by **Friday, May 29th**.

The honorees and honorable mention recipients will be presented their awards at NDE's Summer Employee Recognition Event. In addition, the Employee and Supervisor/Manager-of-the-year will be recognized at the Governor's Award Ceremony in October.

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## Food, Fitness, and Fun

Here are some interesting links, information, and activities.

- **A Fresh Take On Fruit (ChooseMyPlate.Gov):**  
Fruit can be enjoyed in many ways. Try using fresh, frozen, canned, or dried fruit in a variety of ways and at all meal occasions.
  - [Recipe: Mango Cucumber Soup](#)
  - [Recipe: Chilled Blueberry Soup](#)
- **[Eating Healthy On A Budget \(USDA\)](#)**  
Eating healthy doesn't have to be expensive. Use these tips and materials to make healthy choices while staying within your budget.

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