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June 4, 2021

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS**

SUBJECT: *Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021*, Public Law 116-260 – Tracking Tool

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediate

PURPOSE: Provide Overview of Current Guidelines

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, Public Law 116-260, provided supplemental appropriations for the John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood, Education and Training Voucher (ETV) program, and temporary provisions related to foster care and extended foster care programs.

The temporary provisions associated with extended foster care in North Carolina include:

- From December 27, 2020 through September 30, 2021, young adults may not be required to leave foster care solely due to age.
- Young adults who left Foster Care 18 to 21 during the COVID-19 public health emergency (defined currently as January 27, 2020–April 20, 2021, subject to be extended) because of age shall be allowed to re-enter the program. The federal requirement for re-entry expires after September 30, 2021.
- Young adults should not be terminated from the program if failing to meet education or employment eligibility criteria. The young adult's Transition Living Plan should be developed, reviewed and/or revised to meet other eligibility criterion of the program, if appropriate.

Counties must provide outreach to all young adults eligible to participate in extended foster care services. In the effort to track outreach and ongoing and re-entry participation in the Foster Care 18 to 21 Program, a tracking tool has been developed for all eligible young adults. Cases are identified as inactive or active depending on current status of the young adult. Inactive cases are those in which a young adult is eligible for services but does not have an open case for extended Foster Care 18 to 21. Active cases reflect young adults eligible for extended services who currently have an open case in the CPPS and NC FAST systems.

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Please complete the first submission by July 15, 2021 for the established reporting period of April–June. The second submission should occur by October 15, 2021 for the reporting period of July–September. Data received will ensure North Carolina is compliant with provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act as well as contribute to future programming for extended foster care services.

More information regarding the tracking tool will be discussed during the next Children’s Service Committee, scheduled for June 9, 2021.

Technical Assistance sessions to discuss both extended foster care and the expanded age for transitional funds are scheduled for Friday, June 25th from 10-11a.m. and Friday, July 23rd from 10-11a.m. The link allows registration to one or both sessions: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/1361788447372084994>.

For any questions or to forward the completed tracker, submit via encrypted email to LeAnn McKoy, Foster Care 18 to 21 Coordinator at leann.mckoy@dhhs.nc.gov. For any additional questions, please contact your Regional Child Welfare Consultant.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

County Reporting Foster Care 18 to 21 – Consolidated Appropriations, Public Law 116-260

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