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HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: JUNE IS NATIONAL REUNIFICATION MONTH

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF PERMANENCY AND REUNIFICATION WEBINARS

June is National Reunification Month, and this year's theme is "*All In for Reunification 2021.*" This month we celebrate the parents who have reunified with their children. We also recognize the work that child welfare professionals, resource families, and community partners have done to assist in the reunification process.

In support of Reunification month, the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NC DSS) is excited to announce a special webinar – *Permanency Matters: Fatherhood Engagement*. Engaging fathers in the child welfare process is an important aspect of reunification and NC continues to create opportunities to engage and support fathers in the reunification efforts. Fathers have a vital role in the emotional development and well-being of their child.

We encourage you to join us as Wake County Human Services (WCHS) provides a presentation on fatherhood engagement. The presentation will include the strategies that WCHS uses to improve and enhance the reunification rate for fathers in their county. Our community partners are also invited to attend this presentation.

The event will be held on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021**, from **9:00am–10:30am**. Please register for the *Permanency Matters: Fatherhood Engagement* webinar at: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/9039822180335063297>

Here are additional events for Fatherhood Engagement activities.

- The Practitioner Summit **Wednesday, June 16, 2021**, from **1:00pm–3:30pm**.
Registration Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpf-mvqjMjGtETHKcB3i2yrPtCRzrxFyOg>

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- Strengthening Fatherhood Virtual Power Breakfast **Thursday, June 17, 2021 from 8:00am–9:30am.**
Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HnN16HAoQ9yrzNnTB3lhUw
- North Carolina Fatherhood Virtual Conference **Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 8:30am–1:30pm.**
Registration Link: www.ncfatherhood.com

Thank you for your interest, and should you have any questions regarding the *Permanency Matters: Fatherhood Engagement* webinar, please contact Kimaree Sanders at Kimaree.Sanders@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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