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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION DATABASE (NYTD) FOLLOW-UP POPULATION YOUTH  
OUTCOME SURVEY**

**REQUIRED ACTION:**  Immediate  Time Sensitive  Information Only

**PURPOSE: COUNTY SURVEY SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION  
DATABASE**

North Carolina Division of Social Services has had an increased response rate from the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) from 37.9% to 48%. We recognize and acknowledge that this is a result of your diligence and hard work in locating survey-eligible young adults.

While North Carolina is excited about the increase in our response rate, Public Law 106-169 established the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program at section 477 of the Social Security Act which was amended by the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123). This law requires and sets the benchmark for NYTD data collection for states. North Carolina must reach a benchmark of 80% to achieve our goal. Information regarding NYTD is available at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/fact-sheet/about-nytd>.

North Carolina Division of Social Services must report on our independent living services and supports provided to all youth based on our eight LINKS outcomes. The counties listed below have survey-eligible young adults for our required NYTD 2022A data collection reporting period from October 1, 2021-March 31, 2022. Please take the steps outlined in this letter to ensure timely collection and reporting of the data needed to measure these outcomes and assess our programming strengths and needs.

- Alleghany
- Ashe
- Avery
- Bladen
- Buncombe
- Cabarrus
- Caldwell
- Carteret
- Cherokee
- Cleveland
- Craven
- Cumberland
- Currituck
- Forsyth
- Gaston
- Granville
- Halifax
- Harnett
- Henderson
- Iredell
- Johnston
- Lincoln
- Mecklenburg
- New Hanover
- North Hampton
- Onslow
- Pasquotank

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- Pender
- Randolph
- Rutherford
- Union
- Person
- Robeson
- Stanly
- Wake
- Pitt
- Rowan
- Surry
- Wilkes

The steps to ensure timely completion and submission of surveys for eligible youth are as follows:

1. You may request a list of your NYTD survey-eligible young adults for your county at [dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov).
2. Provide eligible participants with information about how to complete the survey, including the survey link and survey ID(CNDS).
3. Engage the survey-eligible young people and invite them to complete the survey. Eligible young adults may complete the survey in the following ways:
  - a. Online via this link: <https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/2022A>
  - b. Email completed surveys via this link: [dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov)
  - c. Via their worker who completes the survey utilizing the above options.
4. Please email [dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov), to confirm your survey submission of survey-eligible young adults and provide regular updates about efforts to reach out and invite these young adults to take the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Williams, Special Programs Manager at [dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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