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HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Social Services

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February 16, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: RESOURCES FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES

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

PURPOSE: SHARING OF RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS FOR KINSHIP FAMILIES

Kinship families are vital to increasing placement stability and decreasing the effects of trauma on children. North Carolina continues its efforts to remove barriers to kinship placements, allowing kinship families to safely care for children and maintain important family connections. As North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) continues to engage our kinship families across the State, we want to share resources and opportunities regarding available services and supports to the families.

Capacity Building Center for States is hosting a seminar on racial disparities and the impacts on Black, Hispanic, and Indigenous families. Presenters will include Scott Trowbridge, Esq. and Dr. Salih Alexander, Esq. The seminar will be a unique opportunity to learn how racial disparities can affect kinship and ways to support children, youth, and kinship families. Please share this opportunity with kinship caregivers and other service providers who work directly with the families. The seminar, **The Intersection of Racial Equity and Kinship across Child Welfare Case Decision Points: Considerations, Impact, Analysis, and Strategies**, will be held on **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 1 PM EST.**

Register for this meeting at the following link:

<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltde6ppzkoGJqPUOfHwypeuL4LIKRX7ns>

Thank you for your continued support of kinship families. Should you have any questions, please contact the State Interim Adoption Manager, Mary Mackins at Mary.Mackins@dhhs.nc.gov.

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