



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Social Services

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March 3, 2022

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINSHIP FIRST WEBINAR

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF KINSHIP WEBINAR

Kinship families are vital to increasing placement stability and decreasing the effects of trauma on children in North Carolina. Our continuing efforts to remove barriers to kinship placements allow for kinship families to safely care for children and maintain important family connections. As North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) continues to support local agencies across the State, we want to share vital resources and information to ensure agencies are successful in supporting our kinship families.

During this webinar, your agency will be provided with current information pertaining to our kinship vision, licensing, and the Kinship Fit and Feasibility Study.

NCDSS is offering two opportunities for child welfare staff to participate in the live webinar, *Kinship First*:

March 10 at 1:00 PM: Register with the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8373891973406386187>

March 15 at 9:00 AM: Register with the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2433375784067505931>

Thank you for your continued support of kinship families. Should you have any questions, please contact NCDSS Permanency Coordinator Mary Mackins at Mary.Mackins@dhhs.nc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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