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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: SURVEY FOR RESOURCE FAMILIES (Foster, Adoptive, Kinship)

REQUIRED ACTION: □ Information Only ☑ Time Sensitive ☑ Immediate

In an effort to better recruit and retain resource parents in North Carolina, the NCDHHS Division of Social Services (DSS) is partnering with the Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina (FFA-NC) to conduct a needs assessment. The data collected will be used to improve our resource families' overall experience, expand support services, and help shape training.

NCDHHS DSS is requesting that foster, adoptive, licensed, and unlicensed kinship placement providers who have had a placement within the past 12 months receive the survey link below via their private or public, child placement agency. The survey should take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and the responses are anonymous. While the responses are not associated with any specific county DSS or private agency, we will track the counties from which the survey responses are received. Results will be consolidated and shared through the NC Blueprint.

Please advise resource families through text, email and/or letter to complete the survey by clicking on the following link: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ekQq027v2GhD530 or by scanning the QR code (bottom right of this DCDL). The survey will be open until April 4, 2025.

For any questions, please reach out to Jenny Millsaps, Foster Home Licensing Manager, at jenny.millsaps@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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