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March 16, 2023

**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**

Thank you for your diligence in working to survey eligible youth. North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) current response rate from the National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD) 2023-A cohort is currently at 50.6%. This cohort started October 1, 2022, and ends March 31, 2023.

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>.

NCDSS will be hosting an Informational NYTD webinar for all county child welfare social workers and providing Technical Assistance (TA) to explain and assist with any questions about our current cohort on **Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 10:00 am**. Please register by using this link: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/1233287438302131204>.

This is a reminder that the counties listed below have survey-eligible young adults for our required NYTD 2023-A data collection reporting period. If you have not submitted surveys for your youth, please take the steps outlined in this letter to ensure timely collection and reporting of the data needed to measure the eight LINKS outcomes and assess our programming strength and needs.

- Alexander
- Buncombe
- Carteret
- Craven
- Alleghany
- Burke
- Catawba
- Cumberland
- Avery
- Cabarrus
- Chatham
- Davidson

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- Davie
- Guilford
- Hoke
- Lenoir
- Nash
- Orange
- Randolph
- Wake
- Forsyth
- Haywood
- Iredell
- Lincoln
- New Hanover
- Pitt
- Richmond
- Wilkes
- Gaston
- Henderson
- Johnston
- Mecklenburg
- Onslow
- Polk
- Rowan

If your county is facing challenges in locating youth, the following tools may be helpful:

- Utilize all social media platforms;
- Visit their last known location at different times of the day;
- Check with the school social worker or guidance counselor;
- Complete the survey with youth over the phone;
- Remind the youth of the \$100.00 incentive they will receive after completing the survey.

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) or Lyrika Evans at [lyrika.evans@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:lyrika.evans@dhhs.nc.gov).
2. Please email the completed NYTD surveys to the following link: [dss.nytd.infor@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.infor@dhhs.nc.gov).
3. Please email [dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov) to provide regular updates about efforts to reach out and invite eligible youth to take the survey **or** if you have not received an email confirming the status of a recent survey submission.

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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