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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: TRAINING REGISTRATION

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Per [CWS-92-2024](#), NCDHHS DSS has announced a new partnership with [Kinnect](#) to provide Family Search and Engagement Training to our child welfare workforce. [CWS 07 2025](#) provided information for regions 1 through 4. This letter provides registration for all 7 regions.

TRAINING REGISTRATION

Kinnect will offer 14 in-person Family Search and Engagement Training sessions across all seven regions of NC throughout the Spring and Summer of 2025.

Kinnect, with nearly 20 years of experience, has partnered with families, public agencies, and private providers to develop innovative strategies and deliver impactful programs that empower families and support children. Through their training branch, **KinnectU**, they will deliver their values-driven **S.E.E.K. (Search. Engage. Explore. Kinnect.)** course. SEEK is a powerful one-day, in-person training designed to equip caseworkers, social workers, supervisors, and administrators with their intense value-based family search and engagement (FSE) process. The strategies from SEEK empower families and produce lasting results, connecting young people with their kin, culture, and community ensuring lasting, positive outcomes.

Each region will have the opportunity to host 45-60 attendees. The regional training dates registration links are listed below. It is recommended that each county select **4 staff members** to attend so all counties can have representation present. Registration for additional attendees during the summer training will be released later this year.

Training Dates:

- Region 1 – 3/17/25, TD Bank, Asheville [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 2 – 3/18/25, Iredell County DSS [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 3 – 3/19/25, Chatham County DSS [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 4 – 3/20/25, Union County DSS [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 5 – 4/2/25, Wake County Somerset Building [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 6 – 3/31/25, Onslow County Social Services [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 7 – 4/1/25, Beaufort County DSS [REGISTER HERE](#)

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