



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

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: Webinar 2020-2021 Child Welfare Annual Policy and Practice Update

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

The NC Division of Social Services is legislatively required to provide child welfare services staff with annual updated information on family-centered practices and state and federal laws. To meet this requirement, the Division will offer a **mandatory** 90-minute webinar every year recapping the changes to law, policy, and practice during the prior state fiscal year. This webinar is required of all child welfare staff and all who have oversight in child welfare including social workers, supervisors, program managers/administrators, and directors.

The first iteration of this webinar will be on March 23, 2022, from 9:00a.m. – 10:30am and will be entitled “2020-2021 Child Welfare Policy & Practice Update.” By the end of this event, participants will:

1. Be aware of the changes to legislation in the following areas that impacted NC child welfare policy and practice between July 1, 2020 - June 2021:
 - **Plan of Safe Care (POSC)**
 - **Practice Guidance for LGBTQ+ Youth in Foster Care**
 - **Psychotropic/High-Risk Medications in Child Welfare**
 - **NC Child Medical Evaluation Program (CMEP)**
2. Understand how critical thinking connects to policy and best practice with families.
3. Have access to links and resources with additional information on each law and policy change.

The next version of this course will be based on policy changes that occurred July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022.

NOTE:

- a. This is a live webinar that will be recorded, and the recording will be made available on ncswLearn. Questions will be pulled from the live chat to create a FAQ document.
- b. Space is limited and registration may close earlier if we reach maximum capacity. If we are not able to accommodate you in the live session, the recordings will be available on ncswLearn.org. You may watch

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the recordings and, with supervisory approval, you can enter this information on your training attendance history via your Personalized Learning Portfolio on ncswLearn.org.

Audience: Child welfare social workers, supervisors, program managers/administrators, and directors employed in North Carolina County DSS agencies.

Presenters: Joe Allen and Nora Carter, NC Division of Social Services, Staff Development Team

Registration and Training Credit for County DSS Child Welfare Professionals: To receive credit through ncswlearn.org, you must preregister for this webinar no later than **March 15, 2022**. Space is limited and registration may close earlier if we reach maximum capacity. You must preregister even if you are joining the webinar as part of a group. To preregister:

- Log in to your account* on <http://www.ncswLearn.org>,
- Select “Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP),”
- Select the “Webinar” option, and
- Click the “apply for registration” button.

To participate in this webinar a computer must have: (1) external speakers or headphones (to avoid disturbing others); (2) broadband Internet access.

For more information on how to apply to participate, please e-mail Vicky Chang (vjchang@email.unc.edu).

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Sincerely,



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