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HUMAN SERVICES**

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February 15, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: SOBRIETY TREATMENT AND RECOVERY TEAMS (START) REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS-- NC INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

START is a specialized Child Welfare service delivery model that has been shown, when implemented with fidelity, to improve outcomes for children and families affected by parental substance use and child maltreatment. The North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) has contracted with Children and Family Futures (CFF) to pilot START in ten (10) local Department of Social Services agencies.

NCDSS, along with the Start Training and Technical Assistance Program, will host a Technical Assistance Webinar on February 21, 2024, from 2:00pm – 3:00pm to review the Request for Application (RFA) eligibility and process. This webinar is open to all local DSS teams who are interested in applying for this grant opportunity. To attend the webinar, participants must register here: [START RFA Technical Assistance Webinar](#).

Please note that there will be limited time between the RFA posting and the RFA application deadline, additional information can be found at: [START Notice-of-Funding Availability](#).

Sincerely,

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Attachments: NONE

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