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February 27, 2025

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: INTERSTATE COMPACT ON THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN (ICPC) POLICY AND PRACTICE TRAINING

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Information Only ☑ Time Sensitive ☒ Action required

NCDHHS Division of Social Services provides cross-jurisdictional services through the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC). The purpose of ICPC is to ensure the safety and well-being of children and youth who are placed across state lines for the purpose of foster care and adoption. A training course titled, *Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Policy and Practice*, to enhance knowledge and improve practices regarding ICPC process.

The course is a specialized four-hour curriculum that offers in-depth exploration of the ICPC program. Designed for DSS staff in Child Welfare Services, this training course equips participants with a thorough understanding of the ICPC process. The training will enhance the county agency's use of ICPC program by providing essential knowledge and best practice for ICPC placements. The topics covered will include:

- Overview of the ICPC and its legal framework
- Roles and Responsibilities of sending and receiving states
- Step-by-step process for placement approval
- Common challenges and best practice
- Required documentation and timelines for ICPC compliance

By the end of this course, participants will be able to confidently interpret and apply ICPC guidelines, ensuring compliance while facilitating timely and appropriate placements. Please note the dates and times the course is offered within each regional zone.

Date	Time	Location
March 24, 2025	9 AM – 1 PM	Region 6: New Hanover County Department of Social Services
March 28, 2025	1 PM – 5 PM	Region 1: Buncombe County Health and Human Services
April 2, 2025	1 PM – 5 PM	Region 7: Pasquotank County Department of Social Services
May 2, 2025	1 PM – 5 PM	Region 2: Catawba County Department of Social Services
May 8, 2025	9 AM – 1 PM	Region 3: Guilford County Department of Social Services
May 13, 2025	9 AM – 1 PM	Region 5: Franklin County Department of Social Services
May 15, 2025	9 AM – 1 PM	Region 4: Richmond Community College

To find specific details and to register for the training, please visit https://ncswlearn.org/. For any questions, please reach out to Althea Swinson, Deputy Compact Administrator, at althea.swinson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of children and families. We look forward to your participation in this invaluable training.

Sincerely

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