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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES, AND RESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

SUBJECT: WEBINAR ON HOW TO COMPLETE THE UPDATED DSS-5268 RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL LIST (RIL), AND COMMUNICATIONS ON FINDING PLACEMENT FOR CHILD(REN) IN FOSTER CARE

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only I Time Sensitive I Immediate

The NCDHHS Division of Social Servies (NCDHHS DSS) is committed to providing agencies with support and guidance for agency staff in completing forms and implementing effective communication among DSS and private agency staff. NCDHHS DSS has seen an increase in errors on DSS-5268 RIL forms submitted by agencies which may result in delayed processing of foster parent licensing applications. Also, the second half of this webinar aims to address how effective communication may reduce the number of children sleeping at DSS agencies and increase the likelihood of seeking suitable placement for child(ren) in foster care.

NCDHHS DSS will offer a webinar on two topics: how to complete the updated DSS-5268 / Responsible Individual List Check (RIL) and guidance on networking, building positive relationships among DSS and private agency staff to improve efficiency in communicating the placement needs of a child(ren). The webinar will take place on **March 11th** at **1:30pm - 2:30pm**. Use the following link to register <u>https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8673013036252827481</u>. Registration is open, up to the date of the webinar. For any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jenny Millsaps, Foster Home Licensing Manager, at jenny.millsaps@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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