



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

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May 17, 2022

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: *Foster Care Appreciation Event and Reunification Celebration*

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is honored to share that Governor Cooper has proclaimed May as Foster Care Month for our State. The national theme for Foster Care Month is ***“Relative and Kin Connections: Keeping Families Strong.”*** June is nationally recognized as **Reunification Month**.

NCDSS would like to show our appreciation to those who help to advance permanency for North Carolina’s children. In this regard, NCDSS is inviting all private agencies and their staffs, DSS employees, all families, and the public to our Foster Care Month Appreciation Event. At this event, we will also be highlighting the most desirable legal permanency option for children by celebrating and recognizing Reunification Month. NCDSS looks forward to celebrating the positive impact staff, foster families, relatives, families, and fictive kin have on the path to permanency for our children and youth.

Please join us for this celebration:

Date: June 17, 2022

Time: 11:00-1:00

**Location: 820 S. Boylan Avenue, McBryde Building Lawn
Raleigh, NC 27603**

NCDSS will welcome guest speakers, provide free food, drinks, and music. A flyer is attached to share with friends, colleagues, and family members. Please come and enjoy, and provide us an opportunity to say, “Thank you.” Agencies will be available to provide information and answer questions on becoming a foster parent.

In the event of inclement weather, the celebration will be held in the Haywood Gymnasium, which is also located on the Dorothea Dix Campus at 805 Ruggles Drive, Raleigh NC 27603.

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If you are unable to join us in person, recordings will be made of the guest speakers' remarks and will be shared online.

Thank you for your continued support of foster and kinship families. All public and private agencies are welcome to join as vendors and provide information and resources. If your agency would like to be a part of our celebration or provide information to be shared during the event, please contact the State Permanency Coordinator Mary Mackins at Mary.Mackins@dhhs.nc.gov by June 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

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Attachment:
June 2022 Event Invitation

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