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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: CHAFEE (LINKS) HOUSING AND TRANSITIONAL FUNDS AND 2021-2022 LINKS AND  
FOSTER CARE 18 TO 21 SERVICES SURVEY**

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

**PURPOSE: ADDITIONAL CHAFEE FUNDS UPDATE AND SERVICES SURVEY**

**Chafee (LINKS) Housing and Transitional Funds**

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, LINKS in North Carolina, assists current and former eligible foster care youth and young adults achieve self-sufficiency through support services, resources, and LINKS Special Funds. LINKS Special Funds are also known as North Carolina's transitional and housing funds. Thank you for your continued hard work to provide services, guidance, resources, and support to our LINKS and Foster Care 18 to 21 young adults. In support of your efforts with the LINKS Program, the transitional and housing special LINKS funds have been increased and are available for your use.

Transitional funds are available for youth and young adults in North Carolina who are ages 14 to 21, and currently in foster care or were in foster care at age 14 or older with life goals and needs connected to LINKS outcomes. Transitional funds have increased by \$100,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Housing funds are available to assist North Carolina's young adults who aged out of foster care at 18 but are not yet 21 years of age with rent, rent deposits, room and board, or down payments on housing. LINKS housing funds have been increased by \$50,000.

We are working to strengthen Chafee services in North Carolina and for fiscal year 2022-2023, housing funds and transitional funds will be increased by \$100,000. To ensure county reimbursements are available for fiscal year 2021-2022, please contact your State LINKS Coordinator, Tori Marshall for confirmation before spending and requesting county reimbursements. Recent reimbursements have been processed. Below are the remaining balances for housing and transitional funds but can vary by availability.

Housing Amount Remaining: \$50,683.56

Transitional Amount Remaining: \$91,616.46

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## **2021-2022 LINKS and Foster Care 18 to 21 Services Survey**

North Carolina Division of Social Services is requesting county child welfare agencies participation in a LINKS and Foster Care 18 to 21 survey. The survey feedback will inform our ongoing service provision efforts to youth and young adults as we plan during SFY 2022-2023. We will be sharing this survey during the State LINK-Up call for their participation and will be sending this out on the LINKS Listserv. If there are additional participants within your county with detailed knowledge regarding the services provided and the ongoing needs of youth and young adults that you would like to complete the agency survey, please share the link below.

### **Required Actions for 2021-2022 LINKS Survey**

County child welfare agencies should respond to the survey using the link below by close of business on June 2, 2022:

**Survey Link:** <https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86ML8n93>

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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