



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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April 4, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: LINKS: SUMMER SESSION 2024

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF LINKS: SUMMER SESSION: 2024

As a step towards expanding continuous youth partnerships, strengthening local LINKS programs, and providing teens and young adults the opportunity to develop skill sets needed for employment, North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is excited to offer **LINKS: Summer Session 2024**.

This time-limited summer internship opportunity supports county-level feedback loops, youth engagement, and partnership on local levels. Young adults will gain knowledge on county and state level social services structure, acquire transferable skills for future employment, and connect with a professional network. Counties and young adults have two avenues to participate in this opportunity.

1. **County-level** - Counties can elect to participate in **LINKS: Summer Session 2024** on a county-level basis. Counties will select a LINKS eligible youth or young adult to draft a project to support their local LINKS programming. Each youth will be able to list their involvement on their resume, receive community service hours for participation, and receive a one-time incentive of \$800 for successful completion of the session. To submit notice of intent to participate, counties should attend one of the sessions listed below and complete the following registration: [County-Level Participation Notice](#).
2. **State-level** – Young adults with lived experience can elect to participate in **LINKS: Summer Session 2024** on the state-level. Eligible young adults would apply for selection. The State-level application for young adults can be accessed at the following link: [State-level Application](#). Upon successful completion of the session, young adults will be able to list their involvement on their resume, receive community service hours for their participation, a laptop, and a one-time incentive of \$1200.

For additional information about program facilitation, county staff should register to attend any of the following:

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LINK Up Call	Friday, April 12, 2024 10:00AM – 11:30AM	https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2557764649226859522
TA Call LINKS: Summer Session 2024	Monday, April 15, 2024 3:30PM-4:30PM Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:00AM-11:00AM	https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/5493314462157829892

A recording will be made available should the listed times conflict with existing schedules, and a toolkit of materials will be provided during these times. Additional questions can be directed to Foster Care 18-21 State Coordinator, Sarah Phillips at sarah.phillips@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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