



NC DEPARTMENT OF
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HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND/OR TRAINING STAFF**

**SUBJECT: RESOURCE PARENT CURRICULUM (RPC) STAFF FACILITATOR
OPPORTUNITY**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

The NC Division of Social Services (NC DSS) is committed to building a trauma-informed child welfare system that supports wellbeing and permanency goals for children, youth, and families. When the trauma needs of children and youth in foster care are addressed, they have improved permanency outcomes. To that end, we are pleased to offer a comprehensive facilitator training for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) in-service training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic parents called *Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents* (RPC). RPC is a trauma-informed 16-hour in-service training that has shifted the way North Carolina parents are working with youth.

Increasing the number of RPC trained facilitators available across the state at both local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies providing foster care services supports NC DSS in meeting the goals and targets of the DSS Child and Family Services Plan 2020-2024 and Diligent Recruitment Plan 2020-2024. Specific goals and targets related to RPC in these plans include increasing placement stability through improved foster home recruitment and retention and increasing family capacity and support.

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This RPC training opportunity is for Staff Facilitators (i.e., the lead trainer) at Local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies. To increase the availability of the RPC across the state NC DSS encourages public and private agencies to have more than one individual from their staff apply.

To learn more about this training opportunity, ask questions about RPC, its implementation, or the application process, NC DSS is offering an online *Information Call* on August 27th, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm, the call can be accessed at: <https://bit.ly/RPCic2021>

Upon making the decision to apply, each staff person is required to complete an individual application. The RPC facilitator application can be found at: <https://bit.ly/RPCapp2021>. There are a limited number of slots, so we encourage all individuals to take the necessary time to complete the application thoroughly. We estimate it will take between 30-45 minutes to complete. The application deadline is Friday, September 10, 2021 at 5:00 pm. Notification of acceptance into this year's cohort will occur on September 17, 2021, and the training launch call will occur on September 24, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Each Staff Facilitator-in-Training selected for this cohort will begin required pre-work in October 2021.

Please note, based on feedback from previous cohorts there have been adjustments to this training for this cohort year. The adjustments were made to reduce the burden on trainees with the goal of increasing retention of learners in the cohort. Additional information regarding these adjustments will be provided during the informational call.

Attached are three documents which outline other key dates and considerations. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please email Julia Fout at the Center for Child and Family Health at Julia.Fout@duke.edu or via telephone at 919-385-0788 or Heather McAllister, Child Health and Development Coordinator at Heather.McAllister@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): 2021 RPC Information Sheet
Attachment (2): 2021 RPC Staff-Facilitator Training Brochure
Attachment (3): Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing
RPC Handout

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