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HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Social Services

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May 27, 2022

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: *Kinship Fit and Feasibility Study Survey Request Extended to June 3, 2022***

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

As a reminder, North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is partnering with the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) to conduct a feasibility study on the possible implementation of a Kinship Navigator program focused on providing supports to relatives and fictive kin caring for children.

Obtaining feedback directly from County DSS agencies is critical to designing a feasible and useful Kinship Navigator program. HSRI currently has only received 233 responses across 70 county agencies. Therefore, they will be leaving the survey open for an extended period to allow time for additional surveys to be completed. The survey should take participants approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete. NCDSS would like to thank those that have already provided their feedback via the survey. We would like to encourage those who have not had the opportunity to participate to do so before the survey closing on June 3, 2022.

This will be the last chance to be entered in a drawing for an opportunity for participants to receive one of five \$100 gift cards. Entry for the drawing will be optional upon completion of the survey. The random drawing will be conducted on June 6, 2022, and the five winners will be contacted by email.

Please follow the link to participate in the survey: [https://www.research.net/r/NCDSS\\_Kinship](https://www.research.net/r/NCDSS_Kinship).

Thank you for your continued support of kinship families and should you have any questions, please contact the State Permanency Coordinator, Mary Mackins at [Mary.Mackins@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Mary.Mackins@dhhs.nc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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