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Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Specialized Foster Care Plan – DSS Co-Location Survey

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

On July 1, 2023, North Carolina will launch the Specialized Foster Care Plan (FC Plan) that will serve children and youth involved in the child welfare system. Each child/youth enrolled in the FC Plan will be assigned a Plan-based care manager who will manage their health needs.

FC Plan care managers will be required to coordinate closely with each child's DSS Child Welfare Worker to ensure that children receive the physical, behavioral health, developmental, and dental services identified during healthcare screenings or appointments and outlined in their permanency plans.

To facilitate this ongoing coordination, the Department envisions that some FC Plan care managers will co-locate in local DSS offices (FC Plan care managers will provide their own hardware, such as a laptop or computer).

The NC Division of Social Services (NC DSS) in collaboration with NC Division of Health Benefits (NC Medicaid) is seeking input from local DSS offices on the co-location approach through the brief survey link below. **Please complete one survey per county via the following link by September 10, 2021.**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=31F2etC5mkSFw-zCbNftGWTrqvmRiXdDt2nveYwEevxUNjZOREQ4QzcxNzRTVVNIRDdFRkZEWf1Vi4u>

Sincerely,

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