



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

**SUBJECT: “Disaster Plan Requirements and Resources for North Carolina’s Local Child
Welfare Agencies” Webinar**

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediate

PURPOSE: Announcement of Webinar and Registration Information

On **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** the NC Division of Social Services, in partnership with the Family and Children’s Resource Program, part of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, will offer the 90-minute webinar, **“Disaster Plan Requirements and Resources for North Carolina’s Local Child Welfare Agencies.”**

In North Carolina, we face a variety of disaster threats, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, mudslides, cyber and ransomware attacks, and extreme weather, just to name a few. These events can have a significant impact on local child welfare agencies, staff, and the families we serve, and can occur anywhere North Carolina. This 90-minute webinar will explore what child welfare agencies are required to include in their disaster plans and offer suggestions and resources related to disaster preparation and response.

Presenter: NC Division of Social Services' Debra McHenry, Fatality Review Administrator

Registration and Training Credit: To receive credit through ncswlearn.org, you **must preregister for this webinar no later** than Wednesday, Sept. 15. You must preregister even if you are joining the webinar as part of a group. To preregister:

- Log in to your account* on <http://www.ncswLearn.org>
- Select “Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP),”
- Select the “Webinar” option, and
- Click the “apply for registration” button.

To participate in this webinar a computer must have external speakers or headphones (to avoid disturbing others) and broadband internet access.

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We look forward to providing this important event. If you need further information on how to apply to participate, please e-mail Vicky Chang (vjchang@email.unc.edu).

*If you do not have an account, you can create one on (<http://www.ncswLearn.org>).

Sincerely,

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