



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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July 15, 2022

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: ONE-TIME INCREASED CHAFEE (LINKS) TRANSITIONAL FUNDS**

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

**PURPOSE: INFORM COUNTIES OF ADDITIONAL TIME-LIMITED TRANSITIONAL FUNDS**

**Chafee (LINKS) Transitional Funds**

The John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program, LINKS in North Carolina, assists current and former eligible foster care youth and young adults ages 14-21 in achieving self-sufficiency through support services, resources, and LINKS Special Funds.

For SFY 2022-2023, North Carolina Department of Social Services (NCDSS) has a one-time use of additional Chafee funds available to support the purchase of school uniforms and clothing. To be eligible to receive this One-Time School Clothing and Uniforms funds allowance, a youth must meet the following three requirements ***as of the date of the clothing allowance disbursement.***

1. Be between ages 14-17 years old
2. Be in foster care
3. Be open for LINKS Services in the Services Information System (SIS)

Each county using these funds **can provide up to \$500.00** per youth and the additional time-limited funds provided must be expended by September 30, 2022.

1. Each county will follow the regular DSS-5217 form submission process. Please submit a separate DSS-5217 LINKS Reimbursement Form for the additional Time-Limited School Clothing and Uniforms reimbursement.
2. Submit the separate DSS-5217 Reimbursement Form via email to [linksreimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:linksreimbursement@dhhs.nc.gov). Please ensure the subject line includes: **Your county name and One-Time School Clothing Allowance Reimbursement.**

LOCATION: 820 S. Boylan Avenue, McBryde Building, Raleigh, NC 27603  
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Attached is the One-Time LINKS Clothing Allowance budget that was calculated based on the number of youth ages 14-17 in foster care in each county's jurisdiction as of April 30, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Attachment: One-Time LINKS Clothing Allowance Budget

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