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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL KINSHIP CARE MONTH

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF KINSHIP WEBINAR UPDATE

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update to the DCDL_CWS_32_21 released on September 7, 2021, which announced the *Permanency Matters: Valuing the Importance of Kinship Families* webinar. Due to the overwhelming response, the webinar has changed to another platform to accommodate more participants.

If you previously registered and received a confirmation email, you were automatically registered for the webinar on the new platform and no further action is needed. You will receive another confirmation email and please use the updated link on the day of the webinar.

If you have not registered and would like to attend the *Permanency Matters: Valuing the Importance of Kinship Families*, the event will be held on **Thursday, September 23, 2021** from **9:30am–11:30am**. Please register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2506719803170068239>. Our community partners are also invited to attend this presentation.

As a reminder, Children's Home Society will provide information on Caring For Our Own, a training for kinship providers and Family Focused Treatment Association (FFTA) will discuss their pilot project, Kinship Therapeutic Foster Care. In addition, we will be joined by a kinship provider who will share their lived experience.

Thank you for your continued interest, and should you have any questions regarding the *Permanency Matters: Valuing the Importance of Kinship Families* webinar, please contact Kimaree Sanders, Deputy Compact Administrator at Kimaree.Sanders@dhhs.nc.gov.

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