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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: INFORMATION AND RESOURCES RELATED TO NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed May as Foster Care Month. North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for Governor Cooper's time and commitment to the children, youth, and families of North Carolina.

NCDSS is excited to celebrate all families that have opened their homes and hearts to children, youth, and families impacted by the foster care system. We are also dedicated to the diligent recruitment and retention of prospective resource families across North Carolina. NCDSS is committed to providing resources that can be accessed by county DSS and private agency staff to provide ongoing support for the work you do to provide a safe and secure home for children and youth who are in foster care.

National Foster Care Month Website: The Children's Bureau (CB) recognizes and acknowledges the important roles that impact our children, youth, and families. This year's theme is "**Allying with Youth: Developing Life-Long Relationships and Supportive Networks**," which highlights how agencies can partner with young people experiencing the foster care system to build strong, supportive networks and achieve relational permanency. The CB, in collaboration with its information services, Child Welfare Information Gateway, provides resources and information to assist in ensuring a positive future for our children and youth in foster care.

Website: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth>

Children's Bureau National Foster Care Month Event Registration:

https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO-pqTwoH-v8pgyqeLXN1SB_GhX73MY?utm_campaign=nfcm24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=webinar041524#/registration

Foster Family Alliance of NC is a family-led, nonprofit organization supporting children and youth in foster care and the dedicated families and professionals that care for them. Foster Family Alliance offers ongoing training for resource parents as well as facilitation of support groups in each region.

Website: <https://www.ffa-nc.org/>

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Fostering NC is a learning site for North Carolina's foster and adoptive families and kinship caregivers. This site features on-demand courses, webinars, videos, resources, and answers to foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers' frequently asked questions. NCDSS, in partnership with UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University, and Independent Living Resources, will maintain and update the learning site with additional resources and training on a regular basis.

Website: www.fosteringnc.org

Fostering Perspectives is a free newsletter produced by NCDSS in partnership with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. It is published twice a year, and the intended audience is foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic families as well as child welfare professionals in North Carolina. Each issue advances diligent recruitment efforts by regularly featuring waiting children and offers information that supports the educational needs of existing foster families.

Website: www.fosteringperspectives.org

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, youth, and families involved with North Carolina's child welfare system. Should you have questions, please contact the State Foster Care Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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ATTACHMENT:

Proclamation from Governor Roy Cooper Declaring May to be Foster Care Month

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