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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS, CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS  
AND FISCAL STAFF**

**SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLACEMENT FUND**

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

It is imperative that counties evaluate their spending patterns and anticipated spending, to determine if your county needs additional funds. As indicated in Dear County Director Letter [DCDL-CWS-08-2024](#) dated January 31, 2024, we are conducting a reallocation of Emergency Placement Funds. As of April services, reimbursed in May, counties have spent 10% of the total \$2 million allocated to counties. After review of counties current Emergency Placement Fund balances, several counties in the state have either exhausted their EPS allocations or have minimal funds remaining.

By **Monday, June 3, 2024**, please indicate on the attached survey form if your county requests additional Emergency Placement funds and indicate the requested amount. All Reallocation Survey responses must be submitted to [emergency\\_placement\\_fund@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:emergency_placement_fund@dhhs.nc.gov). If your county is not requesting additional funds, please do not submit a response. Kindly adhere to the deadline.

Unspent Emergency Placement Funds for SFY24 will not be eligible for carryforward. All unspent funds will be combined with the \$5.5 million allocation for SFY25. To ensure sufficient funding for all counties, for SFY 2024-2025, all counties will receive a base amount of \$20,000 and the remainder of the funds will be allocated based on each county's percentage of the foster care census.

For questions or additional information, please send inquiries to [emergency\\_placement\\_fund@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:emergency_placement_fund@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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**ATTACHMENT:** Emergency Placement Fund Reallocation Survey

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