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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND/OR
TRAINING STAFF**

SUBJECT: RESOURCE PARENT CURRICULUM (RPC) STAFF FACILITATOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

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

PURPOSE: To inform Local Department's of Social Services and Private Licensing Agencies of the upcoming information session and enrollment for the 2022 Resource Parent Curriculum facilitator training.

The NC Division of Social Services (NC DSS) is committed to building a trauma informed child welfare system that supports well-being and permanency goals for children, youth, and families. When the trauma needs of children and youth in foster care are addressed, they have improved permanency outcomes. To that end, we are pleased to offer a comprehensive facilitator training for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) in-service training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic parents called Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents (RPC).

RPC is a trauma-informed 16-hour in-service training that has shifted the way North Carolina parents are working with youth. Increasing the number of RPC trained facilitators available across the state at both local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies providing foster care services supports NC DSS in meeting the goals and targets of the DSS Child and Family Services Plan 2020-2024 and Diligent Recruitment Plan 2020-2024. Specific goals and targets related to RPC in these plans include increasing placement stability through improved foster home recruitment and retention and increasing family capacity and support.

This RPC training opportunity is for Staff Facilitators (i.e., the lead trainer) at Local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies. To increase the availability of the RPC across the state NC DSS encourages public and private agencies to have more than one individual from their staff apply. To learn more about this training opportunity, ask questions about RPC, its implementation, or the application process, NC DSS is offering an online Information call on August 31, 2022 at 10:00 AM, registration for this meeting is required and can be accessed via this link:

<https://bit.ly/RPCinfo2022>.

Upon making the decision to apply, each staff person is required to complete an individual application. The RPC facilitator application can be found at: https://bit.ly/RPC_app_22. There are a limited number of slots, so we encourage all individuals to take the necessary time to complete the application thoroughly. We estimate it will take between 30-

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45 minutes to complete. The application deadline is Wednesday, September 14th, 2022 at 5pm EST. Notification of acceptance into this year's cohort will occur by September 26, 2022, and the training launch call will occur on October 3rd, 2022 from 1pm to 2pm. Each Staff Facilitator-in-Training selected for this cohort will begin required pre-work in October 2022.

Attached are two documents which outline other key dates and considerations. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please email Julia Fout at the Center for Child and Family Health at Julia.Fout@duke.edu or via telephone at 919-385-0788 or Heather McAllister, Family First Prevention Services Manager at Heather.McAllister@dhhs.nc.gov

Sincerely,



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ATTACHEMENTS:

Attachment (1): 2022 RPC Information Sheet

Attachment (2): Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing RPC Handout

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