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HUMAN SERVICES**

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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,  
SUPERVISORS**

**SUBJECT: NCDSS REPLACES IFPS WITH HOMEBUILDERS PROGRAM**

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

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: FFPSA IMPLEMENTATION STATUS UPDATE TO COUNTIES**

The HOMEBUILDERS® model will replace the statewide Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS), which will phase out and will no longer be available in most counties after June 30, 2024.

Between July 1 through December 31, 2024, NCDSS will continue to fund Children's Home Society of North Carolina to implement IFPS in the following counties: Alamance, Alexander, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Iredell, Johnston, Mecklenburg, Nash, Orange, Randolph, Rockingham, Stanly, Union, Vance, Wake, and Warren Counties.

NCDSS has selected HOMEBUILDERS® as the first Evidence-Based Program to be implemented statewide. The model is an intensive but short-term, in-home crisis intervention and family treatment program designed to keep children and families safe and to prevent the unnecessary out of home placement of children. It provides in-home counseling, skill building and support services for families who have children (0-17 years old) at imminent risk of out-of-home placement.

The following HOMEBUILDERS® providers have been selected: **Children's Home Society of North Carolina** will serve social services regions one, two and four; **Crossnore Communities for Children** will serve region three, and **Coastal Horizons Center** will serve regions five, six, and seven. Each region has been assigned a Regional Prevention Specialist to help connect county child welfare agencies with HOMEBUILDERS® providers. To date, approximately one-third of the state has received training. As HOMEBUILDERS® capacity grows, NCDSS will contact more county child welfare agencies to schedule training about FFPSA eligibility, documentation requirements, and the HOMEBUILDERS® referral processes.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather McAllister, Family First Prevention Services Manager at [Heather.McAllister@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Heather.McAllister@dhhs.nc.gov).

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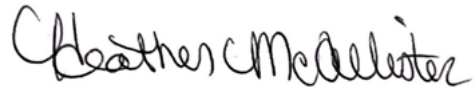
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