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July 5, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: DANIEL MEMORIAL NATIONAL INDEPENDENT LIVING CONFERENCE

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

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) would like to provide youth and young adults with an opportunity to participate in the 2024 Daniel Memorial National Independent Living Conference. This annual conference will occur August 27 through August 30, 2024 in Orlando, Florida. Additional information regarding the conference can be found on their website: https://www.danielkids.org/conferences/independent-living/.

This opportunity is being provided so youth, young adults, and social workers can gain additional resources in targeted interventions and learn about programs that other states are utilizing to support youth development and their transition to self-sufficiency.

Through this initiative, NCDSS will cover the cost of up to four participants from each selected county (**2** *counties per region*) for a maximum individual cost of \$1303.00 for youth and \$1323.00 for individual adults to attend the Daniel Memorial National Independent Living Conference. Funding is provided to cover the cost of registration, meals, flights, and ground transportation to and from the airport. Counties may elect to have up to four participants from each county, with no more than two county staff attending. Counties can apply for cost coverage through the form listed here: https://forms.office.com/g/0uag0uXW5s

The deadline to apply for cost coverage is July 19, 2024. Additional information regarding this opportunity will be provided during the LINK Up Call on Friday, July 12, 2024, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM. The link to register can be found here: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2557764649226859522

Coverage for participants will be provided based on a unique regional based drawing. This initiative is targeted to support those who have not had an opportunity to attend the conference in the past.

If you have any questions, please email Tori Marshall at tori.marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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