

July 5, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: FOCUS GROUP SESSIONS ON PHOTOLISTING PROCESS AND PRACTICES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR DILIGENT RECRUITMENT

REQUIRED ACTION: Immediate Time Sensitive Information Only

North Carolina's photolisting site, NC Kids, has partnered with the National Center for Diligent Recruitment (NCDR) to receive technical assistance on strengthening North Carolina's photolisting practices and processes.

Photolisting is an important strategy to help achieve timely permanency for children and youth who are waiting to be adopted. As a way to hear directly from staff responsible for registering youth on NC Kids and for reviewing possible family matches, NC Kids has asked the NCDR to conduct a series of focus groups, to be held virtually.

These focus groups are part of NC Kids' efforts to gather feedback on the roles and responsibilities of the state level and county level agencies as well as suggestions for improvements and effectiveness of the current photolisting practices and processes.

Child Welfare front line workers and supervisors who are involved in the photolisting registration process are invited to attend one of the following sessions:

Front Line Workers (Please limit to one or two participants per county):

 Session 1: Monday, July 29, 2024
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

 Session 2: Tuesday, July 30, 2024
 10:00 am - 11:30 am

 Session 3: Tuesday, July 30, 2024
 1:00pm - 2:30 pm

 Session 4: Monday, August 5, 2024
 2:30 pm - 4 pm

For Supervisors: (Please limit to one participant per county)

Session 5: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 2:00 $pm-3:30 \ pm$

Session 6: Monday, August 5, 2024 10:00 am - 11:30 am

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Front Line Workers: <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFAA29A3FEC25-50132759-photolisting</u> Supervisors: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44AFAA29A3FEC25-50177006-photolisting

> Sincerely, Adrian H. Raye

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