

August 7, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

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

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

The NC Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is excited to renew the acclaimed National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) in-service training for North Carolina's foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic parents, titled *Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents (RPC).*

RPC, tailored for all foster, kinship, and adoptive families in North Carolina, is a trauma-informed 16-hour inservice training that has shifted the way North Carolina parents are working with youth. Professionals who provide services to foster, kinship, and adoptive families are perfect candidates to serve as RPC workshop facilitators at the local and regional levels. Increasing the number of RPC-trained facilitators in local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies has proven to provide foster caregivers with needed support, which in turn has been shown to promote child placement stability.

For those with questions about RPC, e.g., its implementation, and/or the application process, NCDSS is offering a one-hour information call on August 21, 2024, at 10:00 am. Registration for this virtual call is open, but requires registrants to sign up for the call using this link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/29b3wfxb</u>. Following the informational call, upon deciding to apply, each person will be required to complete an individual application.

The RPC 2024-2025 Staff Facilitator training application can be found at: <u>https://tinyurl.com/zknc6dct</u>. NCDSS encourages all individuals to take the necessary time to complete the application thoroughly. We estimate it will take between 30-45 minutes to complete and is best when completed by an individual with input from a supervisor. The application deadline is Friday, September 6, 2024, at 5 pm EST. Notification of acceptance into this year's cohort will occur by September 13, 2024, and the training launch call will occur on September 25, 2024, from 10 am to 11 am. Approximately 40 hours of learning will occur between October 2024 to June 2025.

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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 <u>Julia.fout@duke.edu</u> or via telephone at 614-404-7751 or Amy Eaton, NC DSS Children's Health and Development Coordinator at <u>Amy.Eaton@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment (1): 2024 RPC Facilitator Training Information Attachment (2): Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing RPC

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