



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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December 09, 2022

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: INPUT SESSIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE REGARDING THEIR  
EXPERIENCES WITH NC LINKS and FOSTER CARE 18–21 SERVICES**

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

**PURPOSE: INFORM AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE INPUT  
SESSIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE**

On September 8, 2022, the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) sent out an announcement for the in-person Input Sessions for Youth and Young Adults in Foster Care Regarding their Experiences with NC LINKS and Foster Care 18 to 21 Services (please refer to DCDL\_CWS\_50\_2022). The announcement shared the schedule for the input sessions. **This letter is updating the original schedule for Regions 1, 3 and 5 Listening Sessions only. The schedule for Region 3 is now March 16, 2023, and Region 1 is now March 30, 2023. The Listening Sessions for Regions 1, 3, and 5 are from 5:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.** The location for Region 7 will be announced at a later date.

The updated input session schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 7, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region 2	Hickory, NC
Saturday, January 21, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 4	Charlotte, NC
Thursday, February 16, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 5	Raleigh, NC
Thursday, March 16, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 3	Greensboro, NC
Thursday, March 30, 2023	5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Region 1	Asheville, NC
Saturday, April 15, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 6	Fayetteville, NC
Saturday, May 20, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 7	TBA

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Prior to each event, a flyer with registration information will be provided. The registration information will support the Statewide regional model and will be regionally specific.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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