



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

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Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Directors, Child Welfare Program Administrators/Managers, and Supervisors

Subject: Drafting Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency Petitions with and without Requests for Non-Secure Custody Webinar

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Purpose: Recorded Webinar “Drafting Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency Petitions with and without Requests for Nonsecure Custody”

The NC Division of Social Services (NCDSS), in partnership with the NC Department of Justice, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, and the Family and Children’s Resource Program at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, has prepared a 90-minute recorded webinar entitled, **“Drafting Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency Petitions with and without Requests for Nonsecure Custody.”**

After watching the recording, participants will be able to:

- Properly draft a juvenile petition and associated paperwork
- Explain how and why to file a juvenile petition
- Properly request nonsecure custody when it is necessary

This recorded webinar is available on **“Watch Recorded Webinars” link on <https://ncswlearn.org>.**

Audience: Child welfare agency employees responsible for drafting and filing juvenile petitions with child abuse, neglect, and dependency court.

Presenters: Gail Carelli, Assistant Attorney General with the NC Department of Justice, Public Health and Child Welfare Section, and Sara DePasquale, Associate Professor of Public Law and Government at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government.

Registration and Training Credit for County DSS Child Welfare Professionals: No registration is needed. To receive 90 minutes of training credit, log in to your ncswlearn.org account and click on the “My Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP)” tab. Then, click on the “Training Attendance History” tab. With your supervisor’s approval, at the bottom of the page you can select “Add Training.” This will prompt you to type in the training event information and hit “submit.”

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Technical Requirements: To participate in this recorded webinar a computer must have: (1) external speakers or headphones (to avoid disturbing others); (2) broadband Internet access.

Sincerely,

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