

Latino MAPP Workgroup

Survey of Public and Private Child Serving Agencies

Content of E-mail to identified personnel within each agency

Dear

I would like to request your assistance with the completion of a short electronic survey by **January 30, 2015**. The survey was developed by the Latino MAPP Workgroup, and the purpose of the survey is to gather some basic information about the availability and/or need for Latino foster/adoptive families in your County. Your Director has already received notice of this request.

The Latino MAPP Workgroup is a collaborative effort between the NC Division of Social Services, County Departments of Social Services, and private child placing agency partners. The goal of the workgroup is to address the growing need for both Bilingual and Bicultural Latino foster and adoptive families in North Carolina.

In 2000, the Latino population accounted for 4.71 percent of the North Carolina population. By 2010, this percentage had grown to 8.39* and by 2011, 9 percent**. This ongoing growth is anticipated to continue*. The number of Hispanic children in custody in NC has also continued to grow: In the year 2000 (Jan-Dec) 5.99% of the children were Hispanic. In the year July 2013 through June 2014, 8.52% of the children in DSS custody in NC were Hispanic.***

The goal of the workgroup is to address our current needs as a child welfare system, but also anticipate the future needs of our children and families. The survey was developed to gather basic information to assess both the strengths and needs of North Carolina when it comes to recruiting, assessing, training, and licensing Latino foster/adoptive parents.

Please submit only one survey per agency. The survey is located at:
<https://www.ncsurveymax.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=n6KI6l1K>

The results of this survey will be used to immediately link those counties who are able to assist each other in training Spanish speaking foster and adoptive parents, as well as guide the efforts of the workgroup in addressing the growing need for Latino foster/adoptive families.

If you have questions about the survey or the Latino MAPP Workgroup, please contact Ginger Caldwell at ginger.caldwell@dhhs.nc.gov.

Thank you for submitting the survey by January 30, 2015.

Sincerely,

(NC DSS Staff)