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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES (FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION)

ATTENTION: FOSTER CARE/ADOPTION PROGRAM MANAGER/ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: SURVEY REGARDING LOCAL RESOURCE PARENT ASSOCIATIONS

The North Carolina Division is grateful for all the individuals and families who open their hearts and homes to children in need of alternative living arrangements. As outlined in the November 1, 2014 letter <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/dcdl/famsupchildwelfare/CWS-25-2014.pdf> we are in the early planning stages for exploring means to communicate more efficiently with foster, kinship, and adoptive parents, which we collectively refer to as "resource parents."

As part of this effort, we are asking all public and private child-placing agencies in North Carolina to complete a brief online survey about local resource parent associations and support groups. The intent of the survey is to establish a listing of resource parent associations and support groups (formal and informal) and points of contact for each. This information will assist with communications and facilitate "networking" across all associations within North Carolina. This survey can be found here:

https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_erKQsEV2OFx7ovX

We greatly appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey by **Friday May 15, 2015**.

This information will also be helpful to NC DHHS as it develops the requirements for how NC FAST can support the Child Welfare programs and services. NC FAST is an electronic case management system currently in use by the Food and Nutrition Assistance (FNS) and Medicaid programs. Additional information regarding NC FAST can be found at <http://ncdhhs.gov/ncfast/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Kelley".

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief
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