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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE STAFF**

**SUBJECT: SAFETY PLANNING: PREPARE NOW FOR THE 2017 CHANGES**

Due to overwhelming demand for the presentations regarding the upcoming changes to the safety planning policy and documents, additional learning opportunities have been made available. These events, entitled "Safety Planning: Prepare Now for the 2017 Changes," will be held in three regional locations utilizing a face-to-face, lecture-style format that includes exercises for practice understanding. These three-hour sessions will provide information regarding how the policy and practice changes will improve efforts to keep children safe while continuing to protect the rights of children and their parents. Policy requirements for utilizing "Temporary Parental Safety Agreements" will be explained. The additions and revisions to the Safety Assessment tool and the Initial Safety Provider Assessment tool will be reviewed in detail. The steps for county child welfare agency implementation of this new policy will be explored. Directors; child welfare program administrators/managers/supervisors; and child welfare staff from North Carolina county child welfare agencies, especially those staff providing CPS Assessments and In-Home Services.

Please refer to the schedule below for the dates, times, and locations for these events. Attendees will need to register via <https://ncswlearn.org/>.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 1:00pm	Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church 1095 Allen Road, Greenville
Monday, November 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 1:00pm	Orange County Department of Social Services 113 Mayo Street, Hillsborough
Wednesday, November 16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am 1:00pm	Buncombe County Health & Human Services 200 College Street, Asheville

If you have any questions about this information, please contact child welfare policy consultant Arlette Lambert at (919) 527-6345 or [arlette.lambert@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:arlette.lambert@dhhs.nc.gov). You may also contact your Children's Program Representative for additional information.

Sincerely,

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