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HUMAN SERVICES**

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND
STAFF**

**SUBJECT: CHILD WELFARE SUMMIT ON DILIGENT RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF
FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND POST-PERMANENCY SERVICES**

REQUIRED ACTION: TIME SENSITIVE

North Carolina Division of Social Services invites you to the 1st annual Child Welfare Summit focusing on diligent recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families and post-permanency support services. ***Navigating the Journey: Leading the way to better outcomes for Kinship Care, Post-Adoption and Post-Guardianship through Diligent Recruitment and Retention*** is a one day summit hosted by the North Carolina Division of Social Services and will include guest speakers from AdoptUSKids, UNC-CH School of Social Work, Catawba County DSS, and The Center for Child and Family Health. The summit will also feature a panel discussion with foster and adoptive parents, kinship providers and former foster youth. If you would like to learn more about key drivers to improve outcomes including customer service, family engagement and post-permanency services, please join us for this exciting opportunity.

Date: May 14, 2019
Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm
Location: McKimmon Conference & Training Center
North Carolina State University
1101 Gorman Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

We are very excited to be hosting this summit and encourage you to participate in-person. The event will also be available via live broadcast.

To register for the summit, please click on the following link:

<https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=94LM484K>

Be sure to indicate whether you will be participating in person, or on the live broadcast. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email (including information on how to access the live broadcast, if participating remotely).

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Please register by April 26, 2019. Registration is limited due to space. A boxed lunch will be provided for those attending the summit in person. Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form.

For questions regarding registration, please contact Kimberly Best at Kimberly.Best@dhhs.nc.gov, or 919-527-6354. For questions regarding the summit, please contact Erin Baluyot at Erin.Baluyot@dhhs.nc.gov, or 919-527-6369.

Sincerely,



Kristin O'Connor, Section Chief
Child Welfare Policy and Programs

Cc: Lisa Cauley, Deputy Director of Child Welfare
Erin Baluyot, Interim Adoption Services Manager
CWS Team Leaders

Attachments:

Child Welfare Summit Flyer

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