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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

**SUBJECT: “TIMELY NOTICE OF HEARINGS: WHY IT MATTERS AND HOW TO
MAKE IT HAPPEN” WEBINAR**

REQUIRED ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 requires that persons providing care for children and youth served by the foster care program have a right to receive notice of any court proceeding held with respect to the child/youth, as well as the right to be heard in any proceeding. North Carolina General Statute § 7B-906.1 further legislates this work with regards to permanency planning hearings. In response to these requirements, the North Carolina Division of Social Services (DSS), in partnership with the Jordan Institute for Families at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, will offer a 90-minute webinar on Wednesday, May 15, 2019, from 2:30pm to 4:00pm entitled, “Timely Notice of Hearings: Why It Matters and How to Make It Happen”. Presenters from DSS and from North Carolina’s Child Welfare Family Advisory Council will discuss:

- the importance of providing notice of hearings to foster parents, kinship care providers, and pre-adoptive parents
- the benefits of this important process, and
- how to make it happen in your county.

Directors, child welfare program managers, program administrators, and supervisors from county child welfare agencies are strongly encouraged to attend this event.

Preregistration is required for this webinar for those participating individually or in groups. The deadline for registering is May 8, 2019. To preregister, county child welfare staff should do the following: Log in to your account on <http://www.ncswLearn.org>. Select “Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP)”. Select the “Webinar” option. Click the “apply for registration” button. To participate in this webinar a computer must have: (1) external speakers or headphones (to avoid disturbing others); (2) broadband Internet access; and (3) latest version of Adobe Flash Player.

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We look forward to providing this important event. If you need further information on how to apply to participate, please email Vicky Chang (vichang@email.unc.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa Strom".

Teresa Strom, MSW
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