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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: INVITATION TO TRIPLE P WORLD CAFÉ MEETING**

**REQUIRED ACTION:**  Information Only  Time Sensitive  Immediate

The State of North Carolina, primarily through the Divisions of Social Services, Child Welfare Section (NCDSS) and Public Health (NCDPH), with its partners The Duke Endowment are investing in the scaling-up of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program system of interventions (Triple P) statewide. Currently, there are 36 counties with Triple P coalitions with plans for expansion to additional counties this year. The Triple P statewide leadership team guiding this process also includes Triple P America, Prevent Child Abuse NC, and the Impact Center at UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute.

The Triple P system of interventions offers evidence-based parenting and family support strategies designed to reach all families for community wide impact. Triple P is currently being implemented in 25 countries around the world and its success is due, in part, to its public health approach to serving families. This is accomplished by offering families varying intensities of support across flexible delivery formats (e.g., individual, group, online), in several different settings (i.e., healthcare settings, school systems, private practice). When the system of interventions is saturated in a community, large and favorable effects are demonstrated relative to population-level (1) child abuse and neglect, (2) out-of-home foster care placements, and (3) emergency department visits indicating child injury (Prinz, Sanders, Shapiro, Whitaker, & Lutzker, 2009).

With its partners, NCDSS has initiated a year-long strategic planning and visioning process through June 30, 2019 to inform the governance, resource allocation, and delivery support systems needed to ensure effective implementation and sustainability of Triple P in communities so as to impact population level child welfare outcomes.

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

On April 27, 2018, the Triple P state leadership team is hosting a World Café meeting from 9am-4pm in Chapel Hill, NC. The purpose of the World Café is to gain insights into local agency experience with Triple P. You are invited to participate in this World Café meeting given your past or current experience or your interest in implementing Triple P in your agency. We want and need to learn from you as we move forward in the strategic planning process and to learn how we can support implementation of the system in the local child welfare context.

If you are interested in participating, we ask that you send a subject matter expert who will be answering the following questions at the World Café event:

1. Why do you value Triple P?
2. How do you engage with Triple P?
3. What value do you, as a Triple P partner, bring to the effort?
4. What will be needed to sustain Triple P in NC?

If you are not implementing Triple P, but have interest in learning more, you will still benefit from attending as there will be opportunities for additional input, questions and answers.

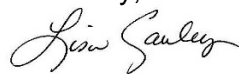
The agenda preview is as follows:

- 9 a.m. Welcome and overview
- 10 a.m. Cafe Rounds
- 12 p.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Cafe Rounds
- 3 p.m. Integration
- 4 p.m. Adjourn

For additional details and to register for the meeting, please visit <http://evite.me/qH2n4ffMEw>. The deadline to register is April 20, 2018.

Please contact Kristin O'Connor at [kristin.oconnor@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:kristin.oconnor@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919-527-6407 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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