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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION SOCIAL WORKERS AND SUPERVISORS**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES**

The North Carolina Division of Social Services (Division) is committed to diligent recruitment of foster and adoptive families for the over 700 children in North Carolina in need of adoptive placement. The Division and the NC Kids Adoption and Foster Care Network are excited to announce that Focus on the Family is hosting a Wait No More Event in North Carolina this September:

Wait No More: Finding Families for North Carolina's Waiting Kids  
Saturday, September 20, 2014 from 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Carmel Baptist Church, Matthews, NC  
<http://icareaboutorphans.org/north-carolina/>

This event targets the faith based community and is focused on recruiting foster and adoptive parents in general, as well as child specific recruitment through the NC Heart Gallery. The Wait No More Event is also an opportunity to build recruitment relationships within the faith community across all of North Carolina's 100 counties.

County departments of social services are invited to assist with this event in two ways:

1. Provide the link above to community partners and families invested in foster and adoptive parent recruitment, promoting awareness of the event;
2. Attend the event and participate in the afternoon's information fair, promoting county/agency specific recruitment information.

There will be a certain number of information tables available for county departments of social services and Division staff. If you are interested in participating in the information fair or if you have any questions about the event, please contact Jamie Bazemore, the Division's Adoption Services Manager, at (919) 527-6371 or [Jamie.bazemore@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Jamie.bazemore@dhhs.nc.gov).

Child Welfare Services

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Location: McBryde East Building • 820 South Boylan Ave. • Raleigh, NC 27699-2439

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Private agencies interested in participating in the information fair can request consideration for a booth by contacting Erin Eberspacher with Focus on the Family at [Erin.Eberspacher@fotf.org](mailto:Erin.Eberspacher@fotf.org).

Thank you for your work recruiting foster and adoptive families and achieving permanence for North Carolina's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief  
Child Welfare Services

cc: Wayne Black  
Child Welfare Services Team Leaders  
Children's Program Representatives

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