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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS
CHILD WELFARE SERVICES SUPERVISORS
COUNTY LINKS COORDINATORS**

SUBJECT: NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION DATABASE (NYTD) TRAINING

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a new data collection system that state Child Welfare Agencies are required to implement in accordance with federal guidelines which may be viewed at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/systems/nytd/about_nytd.htm. The law requires states to track the independent living services provided to youth and to develop outcomes that measure its performance in preparing youth for their transition from foster care to independent living. To meet this requirement, ACF published regulations [45 CFR 1356.80, 1356.81, 1356.82, 1356.83, 1356.84, 1356.85 and 1356.86], that may be viewed at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/>. These establish the National Youth in Transition Database. States that fail to comply with this mandate will be subject to a financial penalty of their annual Chafee allotment.

As North Carolina prepares for the implementation of NYTD, the NC Division of Social Services is providing training to county departments of social services staff to be in compliance with this federal initiative. The first series of training on NYTD will provide participants the knowledge, skills and capacity to implement North Carolina's first wave of data collection for NYTD. Specifically, at the completion of training participants will be able to:

- Understand the required data elements that states will have to report;
- Develop an understanding of the baseline population to be tracked beginning October 1, 2010;
- Learn how data on youth outcomes will be tracked;
- Identify strategies to engage youth in foster care and once they exit DSS custody in order to insure more accurate data collection;
- Utilize the survey tool;
- Access the data;

TRAINING DATES:

Training will be offered via webinar, and there will be four training dates this year from which to choose. Please select one date that will work best for you.

September 21, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
September 23, 2010 (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)
September 27, 2010 (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)
September 29, 2010 (2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

RECOMMENDED PARTICIPANTS:

This training is open to child welfare social workers, supervisors and data entry staff employed in a NC County Department of Social Services in the areas of Foster Care and LINKS.

TRAINING CAPACITY:

Space is limited to twenty-five (25) slots per training session. Due to the limited number of slots, it is important that participants register as soon as possible. The Division will explore options to offer this training in the future.

REGISTRATION:

To register please submit the following information to dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov:

Name:
County:
Job Title/Role:
Contact Information (E-mail/phone number):
Session date you would like to attend:

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 BY 12:00 PM FOR ALL SESSIONS.

Upon confirmation of registration, participants will receive additional information on how to prepare for and access the webinar training. In order to receive credit for participation, each individual must register.

If you have additional questions regarding this training, please feel free to contact Danielle McConaga, Child Welfare Program Consultant at danielle.mcconaga@dhhs.nc.gov or at 919-334-1110. If you have other questions related to NYTD, contact Deidre Rushin, State LINKS Coordinator, at deirdre.rushin@dhhs.nc.gov or at 919-334-1090.

Sincerely,



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