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Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, AND/OR TRAINING STAFF**

**SUBJECT: RESOURCE PARENT CURRICULUM (RPC) STAFF FACILITATOR
OPPORTUNITY**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

The NC Division of Social Services (NC DSS) is committed to building a trauma-informed child welfare system that supports wellbeing and permanency goals for children, youth, and families. When the trauma needs of children and youth in foster care are addressed, they have improved permanency outcomes. To that end, we are pleased to offer a comprehensive facilitator training for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) in-service training for foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic parents called *Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents* (RPC). RPC is a trauma-informed 16-hour in-service training that has shifted the way North Carolina parents are working with youth.

Increasing the number of RPC trained facilitators in local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies providing foster care services supports NC DSS in meeting the goals and targets of the DSS Child and Family Services Plan 2020-2024 and Diligent Recruitment Plan 2020-2024. Specific goals and targets related to RPC in these plans include:

- Increase Placement Stability through Improved Foster Home Recruitment and Retention
 - 2023: Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC) is available to all foster and adoptive families in North Carolina.

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- Family Capacity Development and Support
 - 2023: All foster and adoptive families in NC are trained in Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC).

This training opportunity is for Staff Facilitators (i.e., the lead trainer) at Local Departments of Social Services and private Child Placing Agencies. To increase the availability of the RPC across the state NC DSS encourages public and private agencies to have more than one individual from their staff apply.

To learn more about this training opportunity, ask questions about RPC, its implementation, or the application process, NC DSS is offering two optional online *Information Calls*. The calls will take place on August 26th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (register at: <https://tinyurl.com/infocallRPC2020>) and on September 9th, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (register at: <https://tinyurl.com/infocallRPC2020-2>).

Upon making the decision to apply, each staff person is required to complete an individual application. The application link is <https://tinyurl.com/RPCapp2020> . There are a limited number of slots, so we encourage all individuals to take the necessary time to complete the application thoroughly. We estimate it will take between 30-45 minutes to complete. The application deadline is Friday, September 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

If selected, each Staff Facilitator-in-Training will be required to complete pre-work and participate in consultation calls prior to a four-day live training event (likely conducted virtually) in March, 2021. As part of the training, all facilitators will conduct one RPC training to a group of parents before June 30, 2021 and participate in consultation calls through the delivery of the curriculum.

Attached are two documents which outline other key dates and considerations. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please email Julia Fout at the Center for Child and Family Health at Julia.Fout@duke.edu or via telephone at 919-385-0788 or Heather McAllister, Child Health and Development Coordinator at Heather.McAllister@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment (1): RPC Training Announcement 2020-2021

Attachment (2): Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing RPC

North Carolina Child and Family Services Plan 2020-2024

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/dss/statistics/2020-2024-Child-and-Family-Services-Plan-FINAL-2-2020.pdf>

North Carolina Diligent Recruitment Plan 2020-2024

<https://files.nc.gov/ncdhhs/documents/files/dss/statistics/2020-2024-CSFP-DRR-Plan-final.pdf>

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