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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, AGENCY ATTORNEYS, PROGRAM MANAGERS AND CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY REVISION – SURVEY FOR COMMENTS & FEEDBACK

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE

The purpose of this letter is to provide county child welfare agencies with policy changes related to human trafficking necessitated by recent legislation (Session Law 2018-68 (House Bill 776) *Adoption and Juvenile Law Changes* and then, subsequently signed into law Session Law 2018-75 (Senate Bill 162) *Human Trafficking and Restorative Justice*). In addition, this letter is to provide county child welfare agencies with instructions on participating in a survey to share comments and feedback about the policy revisions. Changes to policy were made in the CPS Intake, CPS Assessments, and Central Registry areas, and a new Cross-Function Topic was created. Changes to In-Home Services and Permanency Planning related to human trafficking will occur at a later date.

REQUIRED ACTION

Human trafficking policy revisions will be effective on October 1, 2018. Attached to this letter is an excerpt of those policy revisions. Once finalized, these changes will be fully incorporated into the appropriate functional areas of the Modified Manual. A revised Chapter VIII: Child Protective Services: Section 1426 – Central Registry is also attached.

A survey has been opened for the purposes of gathering feedback and comments about these revisions. This survey will be available from August 20th, 2018 through August 27th, 2018. To participate use the following link:

<https://www.ncsurveymax.com/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=98LL4m6M>

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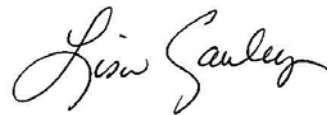
TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Division, in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work and Project NO REST, will offer four live webinars to child welfare workers, supervisors, and program managers. The content of each webinar will be the same and will include an overview of human trafficking laws, a discussion of the policy changes, and practice guidance for implementing the policy changes. At least one webinar will be recorded and made available for reference. The date and time of these webinars are:

9/17/2018	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
9/18/2018	10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
9/19/2018	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The process to participate in these webinars will be published soon. If you have questions about the survey or webinars, please contact Erin Conner at (919) 527-6351 or at erin.conner@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:
Human Trafficking Policy Summary
Section 1426

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