



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Social Services

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**CHILD WELFARE SERVICES**

October 10, 2018

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: Directors, Program Managers, Supervisors, and Child Welfare Professionals**

**SUBJECT: Rescheduled Child Welfare Stakeholder Input Session in Sylva, North Carolina**

**REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only**

All children in North Carolina deserve to get a healthy start and develop to their full potential in safe and nurturing families, schools and communities. We are working hard to improve the child welfare system in North Carolina to support that goal.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Division of Social Services requests *public input* on how we can improve our child welfare services. While comments will be accepted on any area relevant to child welfare, DHHS is particularly interested in hearing ideas for:

- **Improving Safety, Permanency, & Well-Being Outcomes**
- **Services for High Risk Populations** (i.e. youth ages 0-5, foster youth ages 18-21, LGBTQ population, runaway youth, pregnant foster youth)
- **Post-Adoption Services**

NC DHHS DSS was scheduled to host an Input Session in Sylva, NC on September 19, 2018. Due to the impact that Hurricane Florence had on our state during that time, the decision was made to postpone the event so that more resources could be deployed to help those in need. NC DHHS DSS is pleased to announce that a make-up session has been scheduled. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, from 5:30-7:30pm at the Jackson County Public Library, located at 310 Keener Street in Sylva, NC 28779.

You can assist DHHS in promoting these events by posting the attached flyer in the lobby of your agency and around your community.

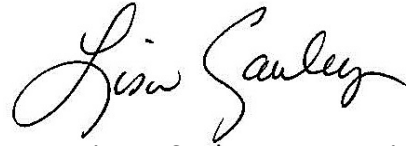
Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact Arlette Lambert, CFSR Coordinator at (919) 527-6345 or [arlette.lambert@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:arlette.lambert@dhhs.nc.gov).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Cauley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "C".

Lisa T. Cauley, Deputy Director  
Child Welfare Services

Attachment: Sylva Listening Session Flier

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