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HUMAN SERVICES**  
Division of Social Services

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Date: December 21, 2020

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS AND CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS**

**SUBJECT: REGISTRATION FOR WEBINAR TO REVIEW DISTRICT PERMANENCY COLLABORATIVES**

**REQUIRED ACTION:** \_\_\_ Information Only **X** Time Sensitive \_\_\_ Immediate

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this webinar is to review the history and objectives of District Permanency Collaborative meetings and offer helpful tools as it relates to permanency outcome data and meeting planning.

NCDSS and NCAOC will be conducting a one-hour webinar on **January 22, 2021 from 12:30pm-1:30pm** to review the history, process and goals for District Permanency Collaborative meetings. Additionally, the Permanency Performance Profile data will be discussed along with best practices from across the state.

**Please register for the webinar through the following link:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1280751138134600206>

District Permanency Collaboratives are an integral way for agencies and courts to continue working together, to ensure that critical court hearings occur, and to give thoughtful consideration to how effective collaboration and action can affect the safety, permanency, and well-being of the children and families we serve.

In 2018 and early 2019, North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) and North Carolina Office of the Courts (NCAOC) implemented collaborative meetings between county child welfare agencies, local judicial districts and child welfare stakeholders as part of Goal 3 of North Carolina's Program Improvement Plan (PIP). The purpose of these **District Permanency Collaborative (DPC)** meetings are to review local child welfare data and to facilitate conversations regarding barriers to achieving timely permanence for children. District Permanency Collaborative meetings should be occurring quarterly or more frequently as your District sees fit.

District Permanency Collaborative meetings consist of the county child welfare agency director (or designee); judges (chief and/or juvenile); GAL district administrator; GAL attorney advocate; parent attorney representative; county child welfare agency attorney; clerks of court (elected and/or juvenile) and other stakeholders as needed.

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NC DSS and our partners at NC AOC are excited about continued collaboration between the courts and the child welfare agencies--both at the state and local level--to improve the service and support that we provide to children and families in North Carolina.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Lindsay Harrison at (919) 527-6345 or [lindsay.harrison@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:lindsay.harrison@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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