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Dear County Directors:

Next week, NCFAST and the NC Division of Social Services will hold a training, NCFAST Bootcamp, for Child Welfare Section staff. This is the beginning of a training program to equip our staff with the skills and knowledge needed to assist counties as NCFAST P4 rolls out statewide. In order to include our Children's Program Representatives, Program Monitors, Trainers and Policy Team in this training, we will have to cancel or re-schedule both statewide and county activities.

This includes the following trainings:

- Fostering and Adopting the Sexual Abused Child in Greensboro
- The Introduction to Child Welfare Data Sources scheduled in Cherokee County was cancelled for next Tuesday. Rescheduling this most likely in the early spring.

Counties will be contacted individually if there are county specific activities that are canceled or rescheduled.

While we recognize the inconvenience this may be to counties, we have learned from the P4 pilot counties that there is a need to have "all hands prepared and on deck" when the next phase of P4 rolls out. This means that our Division staff have to be experts in NCFAST. This training is the beginning of developing that expertise.

Sincerely,

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