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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DSS DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

SUBJECT: INFORMATION ONLY: INDIAN CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

In partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts, the North Carolina Department of Administration, Commission of Indian Affairs Indian Child Welfare Committee is pleased to announce an upcoming event to educate and update child serving partners on Indian Child Welfare in North Carolina. Specifically, the objective of the Indian Child Welfare Education Symposium is to provide county agency staff training on the relevancy of culturally appropriate placement for children who enter the custody of county child welfare agencies and who are members of North Carolina state recognized tribes, as well as those who are protected under the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

The event will be held from 8am to 5pm on Friday, January 26, 2018, at Cape Fear Community College, located at 411 North Front Street Wilmington, NC 28429. Free parking is available on a first come-first serve basis. Continuing Education Units will be provided but must be applied for prior to the event. This workshop is open to county child welfare agency social workers and supervisors. Other invitees include judges, family law attorneys, attorneys representing county child welfare agencies, Guardian ad Litem staff, and tribal enrollment officers.

This year's event features Shanna Knight, MA, JD, a specialist on ICWA with the National Indian Child Welfare Association. She regularly provides training and guidance on the ICWA law, regulations, and guidelines to tribal and child welfare social workers, attorneys, and judges across the country. Ms. Knight will provide an interactive training for this Symposium covering the Indian Child Welfare Act, and the North Carolina General Statutes relating to American Indian children in North Carolina.

This is a free training with lunch being on your own. Please register at <https://survey.nccourts.org/1513190147>, as soon as possible, as registration will be capped at 125 participants. For more information please contact Lori McClain with the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs at 919-807-4448.

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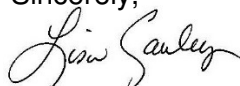
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This is one of 4 regional symposiums that will be held at various locations around the state, in addition to the North Carolina Indian Child Welfare Gathering, held annually in the spring. The other 3 symposiums have not yet been scheduled. This year's Gathering will be April 5, 2018, in Greensboro, NC. Please stay tuned for more information regarding the upcoming symposiums in your area, as well as the Gathering.

Thank you for your continued partnership and work in serving all children and families in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa T. Cauley
Deputy Director

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