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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF ADOPTION CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE STAFF INVOLVED IN DILIGENT RECRUITMENT AND
RETENTION OF FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND CHILD-SPECIFIC RECRUITMENT**

SUBJECT: UPDATED WEBSITE FOR NC KIDS ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE NETWORK

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only

The Division of Social Services is excited to announce updates to the NC Kids Adoption and Foster Care Network website, www.adoptnckids.org as a strategy within North Carolina's Diligent Recruitment and Retention Plan.

Features of the updated website include an improved navigation process for prospective and adoptive families seeking information on how to get started, making informed decisions in selecting a foster care or adoption agency, and steps to completing the foster care licensure process and/or becoming an approved adoptive family. It also features a link to resources and training for current foster and adoptive parents, post-adoption support resources by region, and frequently asked questions. The website also provides families and child welfare professionals with a link to North Carolina children awaiting adoptive families.

Our goal is to better serve the needs of current and prospective foster and adoptive families across North Carolina. We encourage you to take a moment and review the new and improved website and share the site with foster and adoptive families you serve. For questions, please contact Erin Baluyot at (919) 527-6369 or erin.baluyot@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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