



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Standardized Foster Care Trauma-Informed Assessment Workgroup Meeting

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RALEIGH — The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is hosting a virtual meeting on Friday, March 1, 2024, for the Standardized Foster Care Trauma-Informed Assessment Workgroup. This is the first meeting of the workgroup, which will meet monthly to develop a standardized, trauma-informed assessment for children and youth who enter foster care.

The meeting will take place on Friday, March 1, 11 a.m. – noon, on Microsoft Teams. During the meeting, NCDHHS and its co-host, Benchmarks, will review the legislation, guiding principles for the workgroup, workgroup structure and timelines for deliverables. To register, [click here](#).

To join the meeting on March 1 at 11 a.m.:

- Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:
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Meeting ID: 277 708 882 321

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- Join with a video conferencing device:
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The 2023 North Carolina state budget includes \$750,000 in nonrecurring funds each year for the 2023-2025 fiscal years to develop a foster care trauma-informed assessment to be implemented in September 2025. The workgroup tasked with developing the standardized assessment is made up of representatives from NCDHHS; prepaid health plans and primary care case management entities that serve children in foster care and children at risk of entry into foster care; county departments of social services; Benchmarks, a nonprofit corporation; individuals with lived experience; and others identified by the workgroup based on their expertise.

The trauma-informed assessment will ensure children and youth ages 4-17 being placed into foster care receive a standardized assessment, informed by evidence-based practice, within 10 working days of a referral. Additionally, all children and youth who are included in a [Medicaid Children and Families Specialty Plan](#) (CFSP) will receive a trauma-informed assessment, regardless of their placement type.

For a full list of legislative requirements for the workgroup and the foster care trauma-informed assessment, refer to [Session Law 2023-134, Section 9J.12](#).

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