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January 24, 2023

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Directors, Child Welfare Program Administrators/Managers, and Supervisors

Subject: January – June 2023 Training Calendar

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Purpose: January – June 2023 Training Calendar Changes

The North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is statutorily required to offer specific trainings for all 100 county DSS agencies. The January – June 2023 Training Calendar is now available through NCSWLearn.org. The purpose of this letter is to inform local agencies about changes in the calendar that will affect training availability.

NCDSS will use Region 6 as the Innovation Zone for the newly redesigned Pre-Service Training. NCDSS will commit four staff development team members solely to this endeavor. Counties may notice an impact to the traditional calendar as these trainers will not be available to lead other trainings.

NCDSS would ask that local agencies be diligent when they are enrolling staff into trainings offered during this time to ensure participants are able to attend and that local agency staff immediately notify the assigned registrar of any cancellation so that NCDSS can ensure that all available training slots are filled for every training session.

A second change is that CPS Intake, CPS Assessments, CPS In-Home and Permanency Planning courses will all be transitioning back to In-person, classroom-based offerings by June 2023. These dates are staggered based on the specific course and trainer availability. It is imperative that you pay close attention when applying for a particular course and note that if the course only lists a city that means there will NOT be a virtual option offered for that course. Once a course transitions to in-person, no further virtual options will be offered.

NCDSS appreciates the cooperation and support from local agency Directors and staff as we continue to navigate our work in this post-COVID environment. NCDSS' goal continues to be to provide all child welfare staff with quality training experiences to support them in their roles as child welfare professionals.

Sincerely, Peter L. West

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