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February 13, 2025

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: STATEWIDE BASELINE ASSESSMENT AND REGISTRATION FLYERS FOR
REGIONS 1-4**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

Per [CWS-92-2024](#), NCDHHS DSS has announced a new partnership with [Kinnect](#) to provide Family Search and Engagement Training to our child welfare workforce.

STATEWIDE BASELINE ASSESSMENT

NCDHHS DSS and Kinnect would like to hear about your family search and engagement practices in your county through a survey (5 to 10 minutes to complete), intended to obtain information before trainings take place across the state.

Your perspective is an essential part of this process. While the results of this survey will be shared with Kinnect and leadership in your county, the survey is confidential. Your specific feedback will never be linked to you as a respondent. We value your input and appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey! **This survey, accessible at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NCFSE25>, will stay open until 8:00 PM on Friday, February 21, 2025.**

TRAINING REGISTRATION FOR REGIONS 1-4

Kinnect will offer 14 in-person Family Search and Engagement Training sessions across all seven regions of NC throughout the Spring and Summer of 2025.

Kinnect, with nearly 20 years of experience, has partnered with families, public agencies, and private providers to develop innovative strategies and deliver impactful programs that empower families and support children. Through their training branch, **KinnectU**, they will deliver their values-driven **S.E.E.K. (Search. Engage. Explore. Kinnect.)** course. SEEK is a powerful one-day, in-person training designed to equip caseworkers, social workers, supervisors, and administrators with their intense value-based family search and engagement (FSE) process. The strategies from SEEK empower families and produce lasting results, connecting young people with their kin, culture, and community ensuring last, positive outcomes.

Each region will have the opportunity to host 45-60 attendees. The dates and registration links for regions 1 through 4 are listed below. It is recommended that each county select 4 staff members to attend so all counties can have representation present.

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Registration for additional attendees during the summer training will be released later this year.

Training Dates and Registration Links:

- Region 1 – 3/17/25, TD Bank, Asheville – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 2 – 3/18/25, Iredell County DSS – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 3 – 3/19/25, Chatham County DSS – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Region 4 – 3/20/25, Union County DSS – [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Regions 5-7 – *stay tuned for future DCDL*

For questions, please contact the NCDSS Foster Care Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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