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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Resource Families Survey (Foster, Adoptive, Kinship)

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) remains dedicated to supporting the recruitment and retention of resource parents across the state. In collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work and Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina (FFA-NC), NCDHHS DSS is launching a survey to gather valuable feedback from our resource parents. The insights gained from this survey will help inform future training opportunities, enhance supportive services, and improve the overall experience for foster, adoptive, and kinship families.

We kindly ask that public and private child-placing agencies distribute the survey link https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_cwGiQbjgNfF9eHY or QR code located below, to all foster, adoptive, licensed, and unlicensed kinship caregivers who have had a placement within the past 12 months.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10–15 minutes to complete. The survey will be open from **February 4, 2026, through April 2, 2026**. It can be shared with families via text, email, or letter. Results from the survey will be shared upon completion. **Please be advised**, this survey is entirely anonymous for resource parents and the licensing agency in which they are affiliated.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us reach our resource families. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Buchanan, Diligent Recruitment and Retention Coordinator, at stephanie.buchanan@dhhs.nc.gov.



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