March 6, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: NC CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION SUMMIT

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only  ☐ Time Sensitive  ☐ Immediate

On March 30, 2023, leaders in the Child Fatality Prevention System from across the state will come together with state and national experts for a Summit to: learn from one another; increase knowledge about causes of child death and prevention strategies; build skill in conducting effective and equitable reviews of child deaths; and learn how to cope with secondary trauma and prevent burnout.

Local Child Fatality Prevention Teams (CFPTs) and Community Child Protection Teams (CCPTs), as part of our statewide Child Fatality Prevention system, have done tremendous work across our state implementing prevention initiatives in their communities, making recommendations for system improvements, and working to identify and close system gaps. Support provided to CFPTs and CCPTs by your agency is integral to those activities.

The Child Fatality Prevention Summit is free for participants and in-person slots are limited. More information about the summit including a registration link can be found on the Child Fatality Prevention Summit website.

The registration deadline has been extended to March 22nd and we are striving for 100% county representation! For additional information email Kella Hatcher at Kella.Hatcher@dhhs.nc.gov or Yvette Thomson at yvette4@email.unc.edu.

Please share this information with your local teams and we look forward to this Summit and seeing you and your county representatives there.

Sincerely,

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