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HUMAN SERVICES**

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March 05, 2026

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: YOUTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY FOR AGES 14 – 21**

**REQUIRED ACTION:**  Immediate  Time Sensitive  Information Only

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) remains dedicated to supporting the health and well-being of youth in care by providing high quality resources and services. In collaboration with UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work's Family and Children's Resource Program, NCDHHS DSS is launching a survey to gather valuable feedback from youth who are or were in foster care in North Carolina, ages 14-21. The insights gained from this survey will help identify and inform service gaps, needed resources, and overall improvements to the experiences of youth in care as they transition into adulthood.

We kindly ask that public and private child-placing agencies distribute the survey link or QR code provided below, to all youth and young adults who are currently or have previously been in care in North Carolina, at ages 14-21 and are not yet age 22.

**Registration link:**

[https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8dgtXCGf8sMWkcK](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dgtXCGf8sMWkcK)

**QR Code:**



**Please be advised,** the survey is entirely anonymous for youth, young adults and the licensing agency in which they are affiliated and will take approximately 10–15 minutes to complete. The survey will be open

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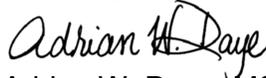
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from **March 4, 2026, through April 24, 2026**. It can be shared with youth via text, email, or letter. Results from the survey will be shared upon completion.

Thank you in advance for your support in helping us reach our youth. If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, NC State LINKS Coordinator, at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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