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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING AND COACHING SESSIONS

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND FLYER

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

We are excited to continue our partnership with [Kinnect](#), to deliver the Family Search and Engagement in-person trainings and coaching sessions for 2026: SEEK (Search, Engage, Explore, Kinnect). This work supports our commitment to equip the workforce with tools and strategies that promote a KinFirst culture, strengthen kinship connections, and create lasting results for children and families. [Click here](#) to see feedback from attendees at the 2025 trainings.

IN-PERSON TRAINING DATES AND REGISTRATION LINKS

[CWS 18 2026](#) released on 3/5/26 includes dates and registration links for the in person SEEK regional trainings occurring 4/8/26-4/10/26 and 5/12/26-5/15/26.

VIRTUAL COACHING SESSIONS

These sessions offer an opportunity to take a deeper dive with the SEEK trainers into family search and engagement topics. *You MUST attend SEEK training prior to coaching sessions.*

Date	Time	Topic	Registration Link and Flyer
4/17/26	9-10am	Social Media Use in Family Search & Engagement	Registration Flyer
4/23/26	1-2pm	Busting Barriers with Professionals	
4/27/26	10-11am	Engaging Fathers and Paternal Family	
5/26/26	1-2pm	Navigating Family Resistance	
5/28/26	2-3pm	Busting Barriers with Professionals	
6/1/26	9-10am	Social Media Use in Family Search & Engagement	
6/4/26	10-11am	Navigating Family Resistance	

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