

April 11, 2024

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: REGIONAL FOSTER HOME LICENSING MEETINGS

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only X Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is committed to providing public and private agencies with the information that supports staff with ongoing technical assistance to ensure compliance with the law, rule, and policy. NCDSS is excited to provide an in-person, one-day meeting of an overview of foster home licensing and diligent recruitment and retention strategies. It is recommended that staff responsible for foster home licensing and supervisors with public and private agencies be in attendance.

The meeting will cover diligent recruitment and retention strategies, updates to the foster home licensing process, waiver requirements, the Responsible Individual List (RIL) process and an update on the kinship licensure track.

DSS agencies should register for a meeting within their agency's region and private agencies should register for a meeting closest to their primary office location. Please refer to the North Carolina regional map, attached to this letter, to identify your agency region. The time for each session is **9:00am-1:00pm.**

Meeting Dates:

- Region 1:May 16, 2024, in Buncombe County
East Asheville Public Library
3 Avon Road, Asheville, NC 28803
- Region 2: April 24, 2024, in Catawba County Catawba County DSS Conference Room A/B -Family Services Center 3050 11th Avenue Drive SE, Hickory, NC 28602

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LOCATION: Building 17 • 952 Old U.S. Highway 70 • Black Mountain, NC 28711 MAILING ADDRESS: 952 Old U.S. Highway 70 • Black Mountain, NC 28711 www.ncdhhs.gov • TEL: 828-232-3160 * FAX: 828-669-3365 AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

Region 3:	June 20, 2024, in Guilford County Guildford County DSS
	1203 Maple Street, Greensboro, NC 27405
Region 4:	June 26, 2024, in Mecklenburg County
	Mecklenburg County DSS – YFS
	3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 1500 Charlotte, NC 28208
Region 5:	May 23, 2024, in Wake County
	Wake County Commons Building
	4011 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610
Region 6:	May 1, 2024, in New Hanover County
	The Scottish Rite Temple
	1415 South 17 th Street, Wilmington, NC 28401
Region 7:	May 9, 2024, in Pasquotank County
	Pasquotank County DSS
	709 Roanoke Avenue Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Please register for the Regional Foster Home Licensing meeting at:

<u>https://forms.office.com/g/5VmYhvKrym</u> by **April 16, 2024**. Due to capacity, each meeting is limited to 30 people. After the closing date, an email will be sent to confirm you can attend the meeting or an email indicating that you have been placed on a waiting list. If you are placed on the waiting list, you will be selected to attend the next Regional Foster Home Licensing meeting in the fall of 2024.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jenny Millsaps, Foster Home Licensing Manager, at jenny.millsaps@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

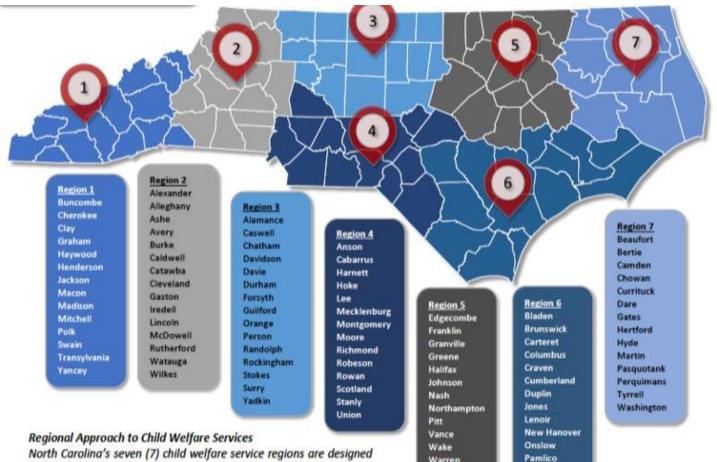
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North Carolina Regional Map



Warren

Wayne

Wilson

Pender

Sampson

North Carolina's seven (7) child welfare service regions are designed to increase county collaboration, expand direct service programs, and improve accessibility to NCDSS resources and staff statewide.