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May 24, 2022

## DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

## SUBJECT: WORKING WITH JUVENILES IMPACTED BY CHILD WELFARE AND JUVENILE JUSTICE WEBINAR

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

## PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS SENATE BILL 207 CHANGES TO STATUTE AND POLICY

The North Carolina General Assembly passed Senate Bill 207 which became effective in December 2021. This statute has a number of changes that impact Child Welfare and the interactions with Juvenile Justice. SB 207 includes the new addition to the neglect definition that directly impacts intake screening in Child Welfare. The remainder of the statute primarily impacts Juvenile Justice systems and services but include requirements for the Child Welfare agency to participate in the Juvenile and Family Teams meetings and the Care Review Teams process when the family is involved with child welfare.

North Carolina Division of Social Services, in partnership with Juvenile Justice, invites you to one of four informational webinars designed to provide each county, along with their Juvenile Justice district counterparts, the opportunity to hear how the changes will impact their work together. These webinars will cover information on the changes to Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice work related to SB 207 as well as information on services and wrapping them around the family.

This informational webinar is designed for Child Welfare leadership including supervisors, program managers, and program administrators who work alongside Juvenile Justice. There will be a live webinar presented to each of the four Juvenile Justice area districts and the counties that they partner with to attend together. There will also be a recording and FAQ available after the last webinar. The webinar dates with corresponding counties are listed below:

**Webinar 1 (June 1, 2022):** Central Area (Caswell, Person, Granville, Vance, Warren, Franklin, Alamance, Orange, Durham, Wake, Lee, Harnett, Johnston, Cumberland, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus, and Brunswick)

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**Webinar 3 (June 7, 2022):** Western Area (Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Avery, Caldwell, Mitchell, Madison, Yancey, McDowell, Burke, Catawba, Lincoln, Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Haywood, Buncombe, Rutherford, Cleveland, Gaston, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Transylvania, Henderson, and Polk)

**Webinar 4 (June 13, 2022):** Eastern Area (Halifax, Northampton, Hertford, Gates, Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Bertie, Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare, Wayne, Greene, Lenoir, Craven, Pamlico, Sampson, Duplin, Pender, Jones, Onslow, and Carteret)

Next Steps

A link to register for the webinars is below. The webinar will be recorded for viewing later and a FAQ will be provided.

Webinar 1 Wednesday, June 1, 2022 from 10am-12pm: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2501319007166098447 Register by May 30, 2022

Webinar 2 Monday, June 6, 2022 2pm-4pm: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2875178249377394955 Register by June 3, 2022

Webinar 3 Tuesday, June 7, 2022 from 2pm-4pm: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1045288535060505355 Register by June 3, 2022

Webinar 4 Monday, June 13, 2022 from 10am-12pm: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1669473589567566608 Register by June 10, 2022

Any questions regarding this information should be directed to Kathy Stone at <u>Kathy.Stone@dhhs.nc.gov</u>, Amanda Hubbard, DSS Program Consultant at <u>Amanda.Hubbard@dhhs.nc.gov</u>, or your Regional Child Welfare Consultant.

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