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**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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April 16, 2026

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: KINNECT TRAINING FOR COURT PARTNERS AND CHILD PLACING AGENCIES**

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: REGISTRATION INFORMATION AND FLYER**

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

We are excited to continue our partnership with [Kinnect](#), which has been providing Family Search and Engagement training to county child welfare agencies.

Kinnect will offer two virtual one-hour overview sessions for *court and legal professionals, as well as private child placing agency staff*. These sessions will highlight the values, research, and outcomes that support a KinFirst culture. [Registration is available here](#), with options for attendees to attend a session virtually either on May 4<sup>th</sup> or May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-2pm.

Although this training is not intended for county child welfare agencies, we encourage you to share this information with your local court partners and private child placing agencies to strengthen cross-system collaboration in support of a KinFirst culture.

Additional opportunities will also be available for court and legal professionals and private child placing agencies to take deeper dives into diligent family search and engagement strategies. Court and legal professionals will have the opportunity to attend one of the following virtual sessions: September 11<sup>th</sup> or September 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30 pm. Private child placing agencies will have the opportunity to attend a full-day, in-person S.E.E.K. (Search, Engage, Explore, Kinnect) training on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, or 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. Registration information about these opportunities will be shared at a later date.

For questions, please contact the NCDHHS DSS Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at [Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,  
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