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HUMAN SERVICES**

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April 30, 2026

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND MANAGERS

SUBJECT: COUNTY COURT COLLABORATION SURVEY

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: SURVEY DETAILS AND LINK

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) is conducting a survey to learn more about how county child welfare agencies collaborate with their judicial district partners. Your participation is essential.

This survey aims to better understand how NC county child welfare agencies collaborate with their judicial districts to support timely and safe permanency for children in foster care. Your responses will help identify current practices, strengths, and barriers, and will inform statewide guidance to strengthen cross system collaboration.

We ask that one representative from your agency complete the survey on behalf of your county. If others on your team should contribute to the responses, please coordinate internally before submitting.

The survey can be found [at this link](#). *Please complete the survey by May 22, 2026.*

Your insights will directly support statewide efforts to improve outcomes for children and families. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful participation.

For questions, please contact the NCDHHS DSS Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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