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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: MAY IS NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH**

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

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: INFORMATION AND RESOURCES RELATED TO NATIONAL FOSTER  
CARE MONTH**

Governor Josh Stein has proclaimed May as Foster Care Month. North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) extends our sincere appreciation for Governor Stein's commitment to the children, youth, and families of North Carolina.

NCDHHS DSS is proud to celebrate all families who have opened their homes and hearts to children, youth, and families impacted by the foster care system. We remain dedicated to the diligent recruitment and retention of prospective resource families across North Carolina. We are also committed to providing county DSS agencies and private providers with resources that support your ongoing work to ensure children and youth in foster care have safe, stable, and nurturing homes.

***National Foster Care Month Website***

The Children's Bureau recognizes the many people and partners who support children, youth, and families. Their website offers resources and information to help promote positive outcomes for young people in foster care.

**Website:** <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth>

***Foster Family Alliance of NC (FFA)***

FFA is a family-led nonprofit organization that supports children and youth in foster care, along with the kinship, foster, and adoptive families who care for them. FFA provides ongoing training for resource parents and facilitates regional support groups.

**Website:** <https://www.ffa-nc.org/>

*FFA will host a virtual training session to celebrate resource parents on 5/12 from 7pm-8pm. This session is designed specifically for resource parents – please share with them. More information and registration can be found on their training website: <https://www.ffa-nc.org/trainings>.*

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## ***Fostering NC***

Fostering NC is a learning site for North Carolina's kinship, foster, and adoptive families. It offers on-demand courses, webinars, videos, resources, and answers to frequently asked questions. NCDHHS DSS, in partnership with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work, maintains and regularly updates the site with new training and resources.

**Website:** [www.fosteringnc.org](http://www.fosteringnc.org)

## ***Fostering Perspectives***

Fostering Perspectives is a free newsletter produced in partnership with the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. Published twice a year, it is designed for foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic families, as well as NC child welfare professionals. Each issue supports diligent recruitment efforts by featuring waiting children and providing information that strengthens the knowledge and skills of resource families.

**Website:** [www.fosteringperspectives.org](http://www.fosteringperspectives.org)

## ***NCDHHS DSS Kinship/Relative Care***

This website provides kinship caregivers with information about support and services that may benefit them or the children in their care, including childcare assistance, Medicaid, support groups, educational supports, and more.

**Website:** <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/kinshipcare>

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, youth, and families involved with North Carolina's child welfare system. Should you have questions, please contact the State Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at [Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Foster Care Month Proclamation

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