



NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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May 21, 2026

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: TEAMING WITH TEENS 2026 | EXCLUSIVE CAREGIVER EDITION

REQUIRED ACTION: [] Immediate [] Time Sensitive [X] Information Only

Foster Family Alliance (FFA) of North Carolina established Teaming with Teens in 2022 with a goal of bringing together caregivers, teenagers and child welfare professionals to strengthen support for adolescents and transition-age youth.

This year, Teaming with Teens will focus on providing virtual workshops for caregivers supporting teens in foster care, as well as individuals interested in expanding understanding on how to effectively serve and support this population.

On May 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) will provide important updates and information regarding the LINKS Program and the Foster Care 18 to 21 Program, both of which support transition-age youth across North Carolina.

Please share the registration links and event information below within your agency and with caregivers who may be interested in attending.

Table with 3 columns: Thursday, May 21, 2026; Thursday, June 4, 2026; Saturday, August 01, 2026. Rows contain event titles: LINKS AND Foster Care 18-21, Promoting Normalcy in Foster Care, Youth Mental Health First Aid.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, NC State LINKS Coordinator, at Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

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