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## **DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

SUBJECT: NYTD 2022B Cohort and Technical Assistance Call

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

## PURPOSE: COUNTY SURVEY SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH IN TRANSITION (NYTD 2022B) DATABASE

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) current response rate for the National Youth in Transition (NYTD 2022B) Database is at 47% for the reporting period from April 1, 2022–September 30, 2022. Thank you for your dedication and diligence in locating survey-eligible young adults.

While NCDSS remains excited about our response rate, Public Law 106-169 established the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program at section 477 of the Social Security Act which was amended by the Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-123) and mandated the NYTD benchmarks for NYTD data collection for states. North Carolina must reach a benchmark of 80% to achieve our goal. Information regarding NYTD is available at <a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/fact-sheet/about-nytd">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/fact-sheet/about-nytd</a>.

NCDSS must report on our independent living services and other supports provided to all youth based on our eight LINKS outcomes. The counties listed below have survey-eligible young adults for our required NYTD 2022B data collection reporting period from **April 1**, **2022–September 30**, **2022**. Please take the steps outlined in this letter to ensure timely collection and reporting of the data needed to measure these outcomes and assess our programming strengths and needs.

- Alexander
- Buncombe
- Carteret
- Craven
- Davie
- Guilford
- Hoke
- Lenoir
- Nash
- Orange

- Alleghany
- Burke
- Catawba
- Cumberland
- Forsyth
- Haywood
- Iredell
- Lincoln
- New Hanover
- Pitt

- Avery
- Cabarrus
- Chatham
- Davidson
- Gaston
- Henderson
- Johnston
- Mecklenburg
- Onslow
- Polk

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Randolph

Richmond

Rowan

Wake

Wilkes

The steps to ensure timely completion and submission of surveys for eligible youth are as follows:

- 1. You may request a list of your NYTD survey-eligible young adults for your county at <a href="mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov">dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov</a>.
- 2. Provide eligible participants with information about how to complete the survey, including the survey link and survey ID(CNDS).
- 3. Engage the survey-eligible young people and invite them to complete the survey. Eligible young adults may complete the survey in one of the following ways:
  - a. Online via this link: <a href="https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=mlML7m84">https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=mlML7m84</a>
  - b. Email completed surveys via this link: <a href="mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov">dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov</a>
  - c. Via their worker who completes the survey utilizing the above options
- 4. Please email <a href="mailto:dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov">dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov</a> to confirm your survey submission of survey-eligible young adults and provide regular updates about efforts to reach out and invite these young adults to take the survey.

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, NCDSS will have a Technical Assistance (TA) call at 11:00 AM. The purpose of this call is to provide an overview of the program and to provide technical assistance. It is important for the counties listed above to participate in this TA call.

Link to register for the call: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/4369435444235624961

You may also join the TA call with the following information:

Phone number: (510) 365-3231 Access Code: 148-408-352

If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Williams, Special Programs Manager at dss.nytd.info@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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