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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: TRAINING REGISTRATION

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

We're pleased to share that KinnectU, the training arm of Ohio-based nonprofit [Kinnect](#), has facilitated SEEK (Search, Engage, Explore, Kinnect) trainings in all seven regions across North Carolina this spring—and they're coming back in August and September!

SEEK is a one-day, in-person training designed to equip child welfare professionals with values-based tools for family search and engagement. The training focuses on diligent search strategies, meaningful engagement practices, and supporting kinship connections to promote a KinFirst culture. This training is open to child welfare case workers, supervisors, managers, and directors.

If you already attended the training in the spring, please do not register again as this training is the same content.

TRAINING DATES AND REGISTRATION LINKS

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 60 registrants for each region. All training dates are from 9am-4pm with a one-hour lunch break.

<u>Region</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Flyer Link</u>
1	8/4/25	Blue Ridge Community College	Details and Registration
2	8/5/25	Catawba County Social Services	Details and Registration
3	8/6/25	Guilford County Social Services (High Point location)	Details and Registration
4	9/18/25	Cabarrus County Dept. of Human Services	Details and Registration
5	9/17/25	Granville County Convention Center	Details and Registration
6	9/15/25	Carteret County Social Services	Details and Registration
7	9/16/25	Chief Petty Officers Association Club in Elizabeth City	Details and Registration

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