



NC DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES**

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June 19, 2025

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: EDUCATION TRAINING VOUCHER AND NC REACH GRANT UPDATES**

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

North Carolina's Chafee (NC LINKS) Program is committed to ensuring that all youth and young adults transitioning out of the foster care system have the opportunity to achieve their academic, vocational and post-secondary educational goals in alignment with their abilities and interest. To support this mission, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) contracted with Foster Care to Success, a national organization dedicated to assisting foster youth succeed in higher education.

NCDHHS DSS was recently notified that on July 01, 2025, Foster Care to Success will no longer provide post-secondary education support services to states they currently contract with to administer services. To minimize the impact this transition has on current and prospective students and ensure the continuity of support and access to educational resources, both the Educational Training Voucher (ETV) and the North Carolina NC Reach Grant Program will be administered through an internal business process. Additional information and the application for ETV and the NC Reach Grant Award will be available at [North Carolina LINKS Program and Resources](#) on July 01, 2025.

All student information submitted to Foster Care to Success on or before June 30, 2025, for the 2025-2026 academic school year, will be transferred to NCDHHS DSS and processed timely. Upon the execution of a contract with a new vendor to administer educational services, this information will be shared.

Please register for one of the upcoming virtual ETV and NC Reach Information Session:

June 26, 2025 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<a href="https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3097733721684332804">https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/3097733721684332804</a>
June 26, 2025 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	<a href="https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6865570954115886596">https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6865570954115886596</a>

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at [Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov) or Shirley Williams, Special Programs Manager at [Shirley.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Shirley.Williams@dhhs.nc.gov).

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