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July 2, 2026

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

**SUBJECT: PERMANENCY MATTERS WEBINAR – COLLABORATIVE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT
MEANINGFUL FAMILY TIME**

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NC DHHS DSS) is committed to sharing innovative practices and programs with county child welfare agencies and private child placing agencies that strengthen support for children and families who encounter child welfare.

NCDHHS is hosting a Permanency Matters Webinar on July 27th from 1:30-2:30pm titled “Collaborative Strategies to Support Meaningful Family Time.” In this webinar, attendees will hear from two agencies that are using creative approaches to increase effective and meaningful family time:

1. McDowell County will share their participation in Safe Babies Court and a partnership developed with a local church to increase family time opportunities for children and families.
2. Crossnore will share lessons learned about how shared parenting and increased family time through their Bridging Families program support successful reunifications.

Agencies are encouraged to attend to learn strategies that can enhance local efforts to support effective shared parenting and family time, ultimately promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of children and families.

Please use the following link to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1623515136550376538>

For questions, please contact the Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at

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