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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: UPDATE TO KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: TRAINING REGISTRATION

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

This letter is a follow up from [DCDL CWS 38 2025](#). We would like to remind counties about the opportunity to attend the Kinnect one-day family search and engagement trainings offered this fall, and to provide the following important updates:

- Region 4 has moved to a new location. If you have already registered, you should have received information about the updated location, and you do not need to register again.
- Region 3 registration has closed as it is at capacity

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.** We received excellent feedback from those who attended the spring sessions, and highly recommend staff attending.

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.

Region	Date	Location	Flyer Link
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)	Registration is full

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4	9/18/25	*updated location: Cabarrus County EMS Building, Auditorium A	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

For questions, please contact the NCDHHS DSS Foster Care Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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