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July 24, 2025

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: TEAMING WITH TEENS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE

REQUIRED ACTION: □ Immediate □ Time Sensitive ☑ Information Only

Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina, in partnership with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) and other community stakeholders, will host a virtual "Intro to Money Matters" workshop and an in-person Teaming with Teens Conference.

The virtual "Intro to Money Matters" workshop will be held on August 16, 2025, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. The workshop is designed for young people ages 13 to 21 and will provide information on how to achieve and maintain financial stability. Topics include:

- Create financial goals
- Create a household budget
- · Save for future needs
- Eliminate debt
- Establish good credit

The Teaming with Teens Conference will be held on September 27, 2025, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, at the Greenville Convention Center located at 303 SW Greenville Blvd in Greenville, North Carolina. The conference is designed for resource parents of transitional age youth, adults interested in supporting this age group, child welfare professionals and young people ages 13 to 21 who are currently in or have previously experienced the North Carolina foster care system. The Teaming with Teens Conference will include:

- Workshops on content relevant for transition age youth
- Roundtable discussions that focus on issues that impact transitional age youth
- Lunch & light refreshments
- Gift cards for all youth & young adults who attend the entire event
- LINKS eligible youth will receive \$50 through their county's transitional funds.

Counties are responsible for providing the \$50.00 stipend directly to their young people and submitting the DSS-5217 LINKS Reimbursement Form to the State LINKS Coordinator for

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reimbursement. The \$50.00 incentive will not be included towards the teen and young adult's annual LINKS transitional funding allowance.

If you are interested in participating, please register:

August 16, 2025	Intro to	REGISTER:
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Money	https://web.cvent.com/event/89bff66e-1438-423c-90d8-
	Matters	577107c42c61/summary?rt=SjAh9T0UTEa 89Ea3f4eSQ
September 27, 2025	Teaming With	REGISTER:
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM	Teens	https://web.cvent.com/event/7aa151d1-f8a7-4f47-afba-
	Conference	42fb44578f67/summary

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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