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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES and EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

ATTN: Child Welfare Program Administrators, Managers, Supervisors, Social Workers, and Training Staff

SUBJECT: RESOURCE PARENT CURRICULM (RPC) STAFF FACILITATOR TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

REQUIRED ACTIONS: ____ Information Only _X_ Time Sensitive _X_ Immediate Action

PURPOSE: The North Carolina Division of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS) is excited to announce the 2025-2026 National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) Resource Parent Facilitator training opportunity. Participants will be trained to deliver the NCTSN training, titled **Caring for Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: A Workshop for Resource Parents**, also known as Resource Parent Curriculum (RPC). Once trained, facilitators will be able to deliver this in-services training to North Carolina's foster, adoptive, kinship, and therapeutic parents. Professionals who provide services to foster, kinship and adoptive families are perfect candidates to serve as RPC workshop facilitators at the local and regional levels.

RPC is a trauma-informed curriculum that educates parents and caregivers on the skills that support them in caring for children who have experienced trauma. This in-service training has shown to shift the way North Carolina resource parents who are working with youth, this in turn has led to improved placement stability.

To learn more about this training opportunity, ask questions about RPC, its implementation, or the application process, NCDHHS DSS is offering a one-hour, online information call on August 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Registration for this virtual call is required and can be access via this link: <u>https://tinyurl.com/RPCinfo25</u>.

Additional information regarding the timelines from the information call to the completion of the RPC Facilitator training follows:

• Upon making the decision to move forward in completing RPC training, each participant will be required to complete and submit an individual application. The RPC 2025-2026 Staff Facilitator training application can be found at https://tinyurl.com/RPC-2025-2026 Staff Facilitator training application can be found at https://tinyurl.com/RPC-2025-2026 Staff Facilitator training application can be found at https://tinyurl.com/RPC-apply. The application deadline is Friday, September 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. EST.

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- There are limited slots, therefore NCDHHS DSS encourages all individuals to take the necessary time to complete the application thoroughly. It is estimated that the application will take between 30-45 minutes to complete and is best when completed by an individual with input from a supervisor.
- Notification of acceptance into this year's cohort will occur by Friday September 12, 2025, and the training launch call will occur on Wednesday September 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
- In October there will be three 3-hour zoom calls to learn the curriculum; in January there will be a 3-hour workshop implementation call. February 10th-13th 2026 there will be a four day/20-hour virtual Practice Session, followed by at least nine 1-hour consultation calls during which the trainees will be delivering their first parent workshops. Totaling approximately 40 hours of training between October 2025 and June 2026.
- Facilitators in training will also be required to complete a full 16-hour (in person or virtual) workshop with resource parents to be rostered and to complete all training requirements.

For additional information regarding RPC, please visit the following link on: <u>https://ccfh.thinkific.com/courses/rpc-staff-facilitator-training-2025-2026</u> or refer to the attached document, *Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing RPC Handout*, or contact the training program manager, Julia Fout with the Center for Child and Family Health, at <u>Julia.Fout@duke.edu</u>, or Larissa Berger, NCDHHS DSS Children's Health and Development Coordinator at <u>Larissa.Spell-Berger@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT:

Everything You Need to Know Before Implementing RPC Handout

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