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October 3, 2022

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: INPUT SESSIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE REGARDING THEIR EXPERENCES WITH NC LINKS and FOSTER CARE 18–21 SERVICES

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

PURPOSE: INFORM AGENCIES AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE UPDATED SCHEDULE FOR THE INPUT SESSIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS IN FOSTER CARE

On September 8, 2022, the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) sent out an announcement for the in-person *Input Sessions for Youth and Young Adults in Foster Care Regarding Their Experiences with NC LINKS and Foster Care 18 to 21 Services (please refer to DCDL_CWS_50_2022)*. The announcement shared the schedule for the input sessions. **This letter is updating that original schedule for Region 7 Listening Session only. The schedule for Region 7 is now May 20, 2023, from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** The location of the event will be announced at a later date.

The updated input session schedule is as follows:

Monday, November 7, 2022	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region 2	Hickory, NC
Saturday, January 21, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 4	Charlotte, NC
Thursday, February 16, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region 5	Raleigh, NC
Tuesday, March 14, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region 3	Greensboro, NC
Monday, March 27, 2023	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Region 1	Asheville, NC
Saturday, April 15, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 6	Fayetteville, NC
Saturday, May 20, 2023	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Region 7	TBA

Prior to each event, a flyer with registration information will be provided. The registration information will support the Statewide regional model and will be regionally specific.

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

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Sincerely,

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