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November 2, 2022

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: DCDL_CWS_65_2022_QRTP_NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE PROVIDER SURVEY

REQUIRED ACTION: ___ Information Only ___ Time Sensitive ____ Immediate Acton

On October 1, 2018, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) was signed into law. One of the provisions of FFPSA limits IV-E funding to the first 14 days of placement in a congregate care facility, unless the child/youth has specified needs that necessitate a congregate care placement. For North Carolina, Supervised Living Program for Youth 18-21 and Pregnant or Parenting residential placements are exempted from the IV-E funding limitation.

To cover the loss of IV-E revenue, the North Carolina legislature approved \$6 million in bridge funding SFY 2022 and \$12 million for SFY 2023. On June 30, 2023, this legislative bridge funding for placements beyond the initial 14 days of placement expires. In preparation, we are requesting information from our residential providers regarding their readiness for the pending change in IV-E funding, including potential interest in becoming a Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) which is exempt from the IV-E funding limitation.

A QRTP is a program that has implemented a trauma informed treatment model that is designed to address the needs, including clinical needs as appropriate, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances. There are certain requirements that must be met to be designated a QRTP.

Please complete the following survey by clicking on this link <u>https://forms.office.com/g/SH4tFQ63ZC</u> by November 11, 2022. The survey should take up to 10 minutes to complete. The information provided will assist our office in providing the appropriate support and technical assistance to our residential providers. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please contact your assigned licensing consultant. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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