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September 28, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

HUMAN SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS AND FISCAL STAFF SUBJECT: REGIONAL SUPPORT

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only I Time Sensitive Immediate

PURPOSE: TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF THE REGIONAL CHILD WELFARE SPECIALIST

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is committed to ensuring that local child welfare agencies are provided with the guidance and support needed to assist in compliance with the law and best practice of child welfare services. To ensure support is available, NCDSS has temporarily restructured the assignment for the Regional Child Welfare Specialists. This temporary assignment structure is based on organizational priorities and to ensure support to all counties in each of the 7 Regions. The attached Regional Map indicates which Regional Child Welfare Specialist will be responsible for providing support in each of the 7 Regions.

The temporary assignment structure will be effective October 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Miller jennifer.miller@dhhs.nc.gov, Kathy Stone kathy.stone@dhhs.nc.gov, or Peter West peter.west@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathy P. Stone

Kath Stone Section Chief for Safety and Prevention

Cc: Susan Osborne, Deputy Secretary for Opportunity and Well-Being Lisa Tucker Cauley, Senior Director of Child, Family and Adult Services Katie Swanson, Deputy Director for County Operations Tammy Shook, Interim Deputy Director for Child Welfare Kimaree Sanders, Section Chief for Regulatory and Licensing

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Attachment:

Regional Child Welfare Specialist Assignment Map 10/1/2023

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