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HUMAN SERVICES**

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,
SUPERVISORS, SOCIAL WORKERS, and LICENSED CHILD PLACING AGENCIES**

SUBJECT: DCDL_CWS_71_2023_HB 815: THE LOVING HOMES ACT

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NC DSS) is committed to ensuring that public and private agencies remain informed of the progress made regarding the implementation of the Loving Homes Act. The Loving Homes Act will provide the opportunity for families with five children to become licensed foster parents.

On October 12, 2023, NC DSS submitted the State IV-E plan that included the requirements of the Loving Homes Act to the Children's Bureau (CB). While NC DSS waits for approval from the federal government, we encourage child placing agencies to begin recruiting and training families that fall into the category outlined in HB 815. NC DSS is hopeful that the approval will not take long, and we will remain in constant communication with CB until approval is received.

NC DSS will provide additional support and guidance as we move towards the implementation of HB 815. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jenny Millsaps, Foster Home Licensing Manager, at jenny.millsaps@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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