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October 16, 2023

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: UPDATED INTAKE ROLL OUT

PURPOSE: UPDATED INFORMATION FOR GOING LIVE IN THE CHILD WELFARE INFORMATION

SYSTEM

REQUIRED ACTION: ☑ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is committed to doing all we can to ensure local counties have the resources they need to effectively and efficiently do the work of supporting families in North Carolina.. NCDSS experienced unexpected issues with the roll out of the new CPS Intake Screening and Response Tool and consequently made the decision to delay the roll out.

NCDSS will roll out the new CPS Intake Screening and Response Tool on October 30th at 5:00 AM. This decision will allow time for corrections and additional rounds of testing to ensure confidence in delivering successful technology supports for the new CPS Intake Screening and Response tool.

Additionally, to assist local child welfare agencies in understanding and implementing these changes a flow chart has been attached which explains which Intake Manual a county should be using while we are implementing the Structured Decision Making Screening and Response Intake Tool.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Stone at Kathy.Stone@dhhs.nc.gov.

As always, we appreciate the work you do and thank you for your understanding and patience.

Sincerely,

Kathy Stone

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Attachments:

Intake Manual Flow Chart

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