December 20, 2022

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: REGIONAL IV-E ELIGIBILITY, ADOPTION ASSISTANCE, AND GUARDIANSHIP ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY TRAINING

REQUIRED ACTION: ☐ Information Only ☒ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS) is committed to providing counties with information that supports staff at local Departments of Social Services with ongoing technical assistance to ensure compliance with the law, rule, and policy. NCDSS is excited to provide an in-person, two-day training on IV-E eligibility, adoption assistance (AA), and guardianship assistance (GAP) eligibility. It is recommended that staff responsible for eligibility determination and file review attend the training.

The training will cover the following topics:

- Day 1: Comprehensive eligibility training for foster care, adoption assistance, and guardianship assistance program.
- Day 2: Preparation for IV-E Reviews, what to expect, and the tools used.

Please attend the training scheduled in your region. The time for each training session is 10 AM - 3 PM.

Training Dates:

Region 1: 05/24/23 and 05/25/23 in Henderson County
Henderson County Public Library
301 North Washington St Hendersonville NC 28739

Region 2: 04/19/23 and 04/20/23 in Rutherford County
Spindale United Methodist Church
185 Mill St, Spindale, NC 28160

Region 3: 01/25/23 and 01/26/23 in Alamance County
Alamance DSS
319 N Graham Hopedale Rd, Burlington, NC 27217

Region 4: 05/03/23 and 05/04/23 in Richmond County
Richmond Community College Cole Auditorium
1042 W Hamlet Ave, Hamlet, NC 28345
Region 5: 01/11/23 and 02/08/23 in Wake County
   Emergency Services Education Center, Lecture Hall Room 101
   221 S. Rogers Lane, Raleigh, NC 27610

04/11/23 and 04/12/23 in Pitt County
   Pitt Co AG Center
   403 Government Cir, Greenville, NC 27834

Region 6: 03/14/23 and 03/15/23 in Brunswick County
   25 Referendum Dr NE
   Bolivia, NC 28422

Region 7: 03/29/23 and 03/30/23 in Bertie County
   Bertie Co DSS
   110 Jasper Bazemore Ave, Windsor, NC 27983

Please register for Regional IV-E Eligibility, Adoption Assistance, and Guardianship Assistance Eligibility Training at: https://forms.office.com/g/f1yHBFaEwD by 01/09/23. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Should you have questions, please contact Beth Riley at beth.riley@dhhs.nc.gov or Janet Drake at janet.drake@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Regional Map

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