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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

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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: <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/f1yHBFaEwD">https://forms.office.com/g/f1yHBFaEwD</a> by **01/09/23**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email. Should you have questions, please contact Beth Riley at <a href="https://beth.riley@dhhs.nc.gov">beth.riley@dhhs.nc.gov</a> or Janet Drake at <a href="mailto:janet.drake@dhhs.nc.gov">janet.drake@dhhs.nc.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Regional Map

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