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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT YEAR 3 KICKOFF CALLS AND KIN FOR EVERY CHILD INITIATIVE

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT KINNECT YEAR 3 OPPORTUNITIES AND KICKOFF CALLS

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

North Carolina has continued to advance a KinFirst culture by equipping child welfare professionals with tools and strategies that strengthen kinship connections and support positive outcomes for children and families. Through training, coaching, and collaboration with local agencies and stakeholders, we have made meaningful progress toward ensuring that family connections are identified, explored, and supported whenever possible.

VIRTUAL KICKOFF CALL DATES
Please only register for one date as content will be the same on each call.

Date and Time	Flyer/Registration Information
12/2/26 from 1-2:30pm	**CLICK HERE**
12/11/26 from 9-10:30am	

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- County child welfare agency staff
- Private child placing agency staff
- Court partners (Judges, GAL Attorney/Staff/Volunteers, parent attorneys, county attorneys)
- Managed Care Organizations/Local Management Entity staff who work with children and families involved with child welfare

Thank you for your commitment to supporting the safety, well-being, and permanency of children, youth, and families involved with North Carolina's child welfare system. Should you have questions, please contact the State Permanency Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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