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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: NCDSS NC KIDS ADOPTION NETWORK EXCHANGE

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: NCDSS NC KIDS ADOPTION NETWORK EXCHANGE WEBINAR

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive **Immediate**

November is National Adoption Month, and our national theme is “Honoring Youth: Strengthening Pathways for Lasting Bonds.” The National Adoption Month campaign seeks to raise awareness about how we can cultivate a support network for youth in foster care that meets their needs, embraces and affirms their identity, and promotes family, community, and cultural connections.

NC Kids is the official Adoption Exchange program for the State of North Carolina that monitors and supports recruitment efforts and assists local agencies with finding permanent families for children in the foster care system that are legally free for adoption. NCDSS child welfare services is committed to operating with cultural humility and providing family-centered services to children, youth and families to achieve well-being through ensuring self-sufficiency, support, safety and permanency. NCDSS permanency policy requires ***all awaiting children without an identified adoptive family must be registered with NC Kids within 30-days of becoming legally free for adoption.***

NCDSS Permanency Team is excited to announce an upcoming webinar for National Adoption Month on November 14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Please register by clicking the following link: [NC Kids Registration LINK](#).

This webinar is designed to share feedback gathered from focus groups held during the summer, provide an overview of the NC Kids program and will include guest speakers from Burke County who will share their recruitment experience and adoption matches achieved by utilizing services and supports provided from the NC Kids program.

If you have any questions, please contact your NC Kids Consultant, Jessica Farmer at 919-527-7269 or Jessica.Farmer@dhhs.nc.gov or Jessica Johnson at 919-770-3971 or Jessica.Johnson@dhhs.nc.gov.

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