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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: KINNECT FAMILY SEARCH AND ENGAGEMENT TRAINING

**PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: TRAINING REGISTRATION FOR REGIONS 4-7 AND CALL FOR HOSTS FOR
FUTURE TRAINING DATES**

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

We are excited to continue our partnership with [Kinnect](#), an Ohio-based nonprofit dedicated to enhancing child welfare practices, to provide Family Search and Engagement training to our child welfare workforce. This furthers our prioritization to equip our workforce with the tools and strategies that promote a *KinFirst* culture and strengthen kinship connections and deliver lasting results for families and children. Agencies will have opportunities to attend regional trainings in January and February, with additional sessions offered later in 2026.

TRAINING DATES AND REGISTRATION LINKS

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 60 registrants per region. Training is from 9am-4pm with a one-hour lunch break. This training is open to all child welfare caseworkers, supervisors, managers, directors, and administrators.

REGION	DATE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION LINK
4	1/29/26	Rowan County DSS 1813 E. Innes St, Salisbury, 28146	Click here to register and select the date you will attend in the registration.
5	1/28/26	Community Center at Pitt County Office Park 403 Government Circle, Greenville, 27834	
6	1/26/26	Pender County, Cooperative Extension Auditorium 801 S. Walker St, Burgaw 28425	
7	1/27/26	Bertie County DSS 110 Jasper Bazemore Ave, Windsor 27983	

*****Regions 1-3 will occur 2/17-2/19 and locations and registration will be released in a future DCDL.***

CALL FOR HOSTS:

We continue to seek county child welfare agencies in each region to volunteer to host these regional training sessions that will occur between January and August 2026. Spaces must accommodate up to 60 attendees and include technology to support laptop connection, PowerPoint display, and audio playback. If you hosted last year and are willing to host again, please let us know. We appreciate each of the counties who have hosted thus far. If your agency is interested, please contact Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov and casie.burke@kinnectohio.org.

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Please stay tuned for further communications in the coming weeks. For questions, please contact the NCDHHS DSS Foster Care Coordinator, Jessica Frisina at Jessica.Frisina@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Kinnect Region 4
Kinnect Region 5
Kinnect Region 6
Kinnect Region 7

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