

## **ATTACHMENT: Q&A- TRANSITION TO MAPP FOUNDATIONS**

Beginning in February 2026, NCDHHS DSS is transitioning from TIPS-MAPP to the revised course MAPP Foundations. To kick off the transition, six (6) events of the one-day course ***TIPS to Foundations: MAPP Certification*** will be offered in February and March to currently certified NC TIPS-MAPP Leaders.

### **Who can attend the one-day certification?**

- Only certified TIPS-MAPP Leaders can attend the *TIPS to Foundations: MAPP Certification*.
- Those who were certified in MAPP-GPS and did not update their certification to TIPS-MAPP do not qualify to attend the one-day *TIPS to Foundations: MAPP Certification* and must complete the 8-day *MAPP Foundations (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting) Leader Certification*.

### **What should I expect during the one-day certification?**

- The course will be from 8:30am-5pm.
- Lunch will be on your own.
- Leader guides and binders will be provided. As a reminder, the books are large. Please plan accordingly.

### **I was enrolled in a TIPS to Foundations event in August-October that was cancelled.**

#### **What do I do?**

- Find the event that best suits your needs and submit an application via <https://ncswlearn.org/>. Be sure you have permission from your supervisor.
- NCDHHS DSS will ensure that all who were previously enrolled are enrolled in one of the rescheduled cohorts.

### **Should I apply for more than one event to increase my chances of attending?**

- No, please only apply for your first choice.

### **How many staff can attend the one-day certification from each agency?**

- NCDHHS DSS will prioritize 2 staff from each agency. We encourage co-leaders to attend together, if possible.

### **Who will be prioritized for enrollment?**

- Agency supervisors sent lists to Barbara Young, MAPP Curriculum Coordinator, prioritizing staff to attend the one-day certifications. Those priority lists will be honored, unless otherwise directed by an agency supervisor.

- As a reminder, agencies that have more than one location should limit two staff from each location.

**I am an agency supervisor and have had staffing changes that impact enrollment.**

**What do I do?**

- Contact Barbara Young, at [barbara.young@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:barbara.young@dhhs.nc.gov).

**I completed the MAPP Foundations Leader Update directly through Children's Alliance of Kansas, do I need to attend this Leader Update?**

- Yes, the curriculum has changed.

**What is the transition period?**

- The deadline for all TIPS-MAPP Leaders to be recertified is **September 30, 2026**.
- Agencies can continue offering TIPS-MAPP until **September 30, 2026**, or until staff are recertified in MAPP Foundations. Once staff are certified in MAPP Foundations, the expectation is that the agency only delivers MAPP Foundations moving forward.
- **Effective October 1, 2026, TIPS-MAPP will no longer be an approved preservice option for foster home licensing.**

**Will there be more opportunities for TIPS-MAPP Leaders to update their certification to MAPP Foundations?**

- Yes. NCDHHS DSS will offer more leader certification update sessions throughout the transition. Additional cohorts after June 2026 will be posted on NCSWLearn and announced in the Blueprint once scheduled.

**When will the 8-day *MAPP Foundations (Model Approach to Partnerships in Parenting)* Leader Certification be available for those not certified in TIPS-MAPP?**

- New leader certifications have been scheduled and are available for application via [www.NCSWLearn.org](http://www.NCSWLearn.org).

If you have questions, please contact Barbara Young, NC DSS MAPP Curriculum Coordinator, at [barbara.young@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:barbara.young@dhhs.nc.gov).