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December 19, 2025

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL TRAINING VOUCHER (ETV) and NC REACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & UPDATES

REQUIRED ACTION: ☑ Immediate □ Time Sensitive □ Information Only

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Social Services (NCDHHS DSS), provides post-secondary educational support to young adults who were in North Carolina's foster care system. This support is provided through the Educational Training Voucher (ETV), a federally funded program, and the NC Reach State Grant Program. All funding for both programs is based on the availability of funds.

DSS will be hosting virtual ETV and NC Reach workshops for Child Welfare Social Workers, High School Seniors and Resource Parents.

The virtual workshops will provide the following information about ETV and NC Reach Programs:

- Explore Career Options with young adults
- ETV and NC Reach eligibility requirements
- Information regarding the FAFSA application, RDS and waiving school health insurance
- Campus Resources
- Academic Expectation

The virtual ETV and NC Reach Workshop for **Child Welfare Social Workers** will take place on January 7, 2026, from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

The virtual ETV and NC Reach Workshop for **High School Seniors and Resource Parents** will take place on January 8, 2026, from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm.

January 7,	Workshop	REGISTER LINK:
2026	for Child	https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7870276096239068417
11:00 AM -	Welfare	
12:00 PM	Social	
	Workers	

January 8, 2026	Workshop for High	REGISTER LINK: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7954460204019777537
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	School Seniors and	
71001	Resource Parents	

If you have any questions, please contact the ETV/NC Reach Case Managers, David Smith David.C.Smith@dhhs.nc.gov or Wendy Kiser Wendy.Kiser@dhhs.nc.gov.

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Sincerely,

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