



NC DEPARTMENT OF
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HUMAN SERVICES**

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: “TEAMING WITH TEENS” VIRTUAL EVENTS

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND: SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND FUNDING THAT SUPPORT YOUTH 13-21 AS THEY TRANSITION INTO ADULTHOOD

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services-Division of Social Services (NCDHHS-DSS), in partnership with Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina and other community stakeholders and partners, is hosting Teaming with Teens Virtual Events for Child Welfare professionals, caregivers (Foster/Adoptive/Kinship/Congregate Living) and youth and young adults.

There will be several Teaming with Teens (TWT) virtual sessions leading up to an in-person event in Eastern NC in September 2025. The first virtual kick-off session *LINKS, Foster Care 18 to 21 and SaySo Overview* on **January 27, 2025, 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM**, will focus on caregivers of older youth. The presenters for this session are North Carolina’s State LINKS Coordinator, Tori Marshall, and the SaySo (Strong Able Youth Speaking Out) Association. The presenters will discuss services, support, and funding available for youth ages 14-21 as they transition into adulthood. Foster Family Alliance of North Carolina will provide the registration information for the following upcoming virtual sessions closer to each scheduled event:

Session	Date	Participant Registration
Virtual Session 2 <i>Utilizing the Empowerment Model when creating transitional plans</i>	April 22, 2025 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Child Welfare Professionals
Virtual Session 3 <i>Financial Literacy</i>	August 16, 2025 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Youth and Young Adults 13 to 21 years of age

Please register for the upcoming “**LINKS, Foster Care 18 to 21 and SaySo Overview**” session at [Teaming with Teens Registration](#) and share the attached flyer with youth caregivers.

If you have any questions, please contact Tori Marshall, State LINKS Coordinator at Tori.Marshall@dhhs.nc.gov.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to supporting the permanency of children and youth in North Carolina’s Child Welfare system.

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Attachments: FFA-TWT-Caregiver Sessions
FFA-TWT-Save the Date 2025
FFA-TWT-Save the Date Video

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Register NOW

Teaming with Teens- Virtual Session 1 LINKS/ 18-21 program/ SaySo Overview



REGISTER- bit.ly/TWTJan

Come learn about services, supports and funding that support youth 13-21yrs old as they transition into adulthood.

Trainers: Tori Marshall and SaySo

Audience: Resource Parents (foster/ adoptive/ kinship)

Date: 1.27.25 - 6-8 pm



TEAMING WITH TEENS

Start engaging with TWT ahead of our in-person event in Eastern NC in the Fall of 2025 for chances to win prizes, network, and build connections!

Virtual Session 1

1/27 6-8pm

Caregivers will learn about supports, services and funding offered by NCDHHS and SaySo

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Virtual Session 2

4/22 1-3pm

Child Welfare Professionals will learn about utilizing the empowerment model when creating transitional plans

Virtual Session 3

8/16 11-1pm

Youth and Young Adults 13-21 yrs old will learn about financial literacy

***registration details will be sent out closer to the date of the event**

Save THE Date



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