

ROY COOPER • Governor

MANDY COHEN, MD, MPH • Secretary

SUSAN G. OSBORNE • Assistant Secretary for County Operations

January 30, 2020

DEAR COUNY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ALL CHILD WELFARE STAFF

SUBJECT: Regional Child Welfare Consultants

REQUIRED ACTION: ☑ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services has developed a regional support plan in preparation for future regionalization. This plan will provide counties more consultation, support, and technical assistance from their regional child welfare consultant. Children's Program Representatives' (CPRs) and Program Monitors' positions have been combined to create Regional Child Welfare Consultants.

Regional Child Welfare Consultants will be the point of contact with 3 to 10 counties assigned to them. Jennifer Oshnock and Peter West will be the managers for these consultants. In the first quarter of 2020, Regional Child Welfare Consultants will be focused on discussions concerning timely permanence in your child welfare program as North Carolina endeavors to meet the last PIP measurement before September 30, 2020. Additional information regarding the regional support plan will be shared in upcoming Children's Services Meetings as well as 100 County Director Calls.

Attached is the county assignment list effective February 1, 2020. For future reference, the most up to date list will be found at: https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/county-staff-information/local-support-staff-schedules/childrens-services. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Teresa Strom, Teresa.strom@dhhs.nc.gov or (919) 527-6344. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cauley, Child Welfare Director Division of Social Services.

Lisa Sauley

Attachment

cc: Susan G. Osborne, Assistant Secretary for County Operations Angela Pittman, Senior Director for Child, Family, and Adult Services Teresa Strom, Child Welfare Section Chief for County Operations Peter West, Child Welfare Regional Manager

Jennifer Oshnock, Child Welfare Regional Manager

NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES • DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES