

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: TIME SENSITIVE: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: WEBINAR INTRODUCTION TO THE MODIFIED CHILD WELFARE POLICY MANUAL: TIME SENSITIVE

On **Friday, March 9, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** the NC Division of Social Services, in partnership with the Jordan Institute for Families at the UNC School of Social Work, will offer the 90-minute webinar "Introduction to North Carolina's Modified Child Welfare Policy Manual."

In 2018, North Carolina expects county child welfare agencies across the state to begin using a newlymodified policy manual. This 90-minute webinar will explain why the manual has changed and provide an overview of key changes. Attending this webinar is the first step towards statewide implementation.

The Division will hold several full-day, in-person sessions for county child welfare program administrators/managers and supervisors to support county implementation of the modified manual. The dates for these regional sessions will be announced later. Because this webinar provides a critical foundation for these sessions, all county child welfare program managers/administrators and all county child welfare supervisors must attend this webinar. There is no prerequisite to participate in this webinar. Participants are also strongly encouraged to watch the OnDemand OSRI course. This course can be accessed through http://www.ncswLearn.org.

You must preregister for this webinar no later than **March 2**, **2018.** Preregistration is required even if you are joining the webinar as part of a group. To preregister:

- Log in to your account^{*} on <u>http://www.ncswLearn.org</u>, If you do not have an account, please create one
- Select "Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP),"
- Select the "Webinar" option, and
- Click the "apply for registration" button.

WWW.NCDHHS.GOV TEL 919-527-6340 • FAX 919-715-6714 Location: 820 S. Boylan Ave. • McBryde Building • Raleigh, NC 27603 Mailing Address: 2406 Mail Service Center • Raleigh, NC 27699-2406 An Equal Opportunity / Affirmative Action Employer To participate in this webinar a computer must have: (1) external speakers or headphones; (2) broadband Internet access; (3) latest version of Adobe Flash Player. For further information on how to apply to participate, please e-mail Vicky Chang (vichang@email.unc.edu).

We would like to thank our county partners Rebecca Smith, Program Administrator, Buncombe County Health and Human Services; and Tony Carpenter, Program Administrator, Lincoln County Department of Social Services for presenting this webinar with the Division. Please contact Linda Clements at Linda.clements@dhhs.nc.gov for additional information.

Thank you for your continued partnership and work in serving all children and families in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Lisa T. Cauley, Deputy Director Child Welfare Services

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