

### North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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### DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

### ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE ADOPTIONS STAFF

### SUBJECT: POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (<u>http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-105hr867enr/pdf/BILLS-105hr867enr.pdf</u>) requires states to dedicate a portion of its federal Promoting Safe and Stable families (PSSF) funds towards supporting adoption promotion and support services. This legislation recognizes that adoption is a life-long process and requires support on an on-going basis so adoptive families can make a lifetime commitment to their children.

The North Carolina Division of Social Services (the Division) has grouped the 100 county child welfare agencies across the state into 11 regions and, through a three-year competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, contracted with different agencies to provide post adoption services in each region. Every county agency is part of a region with one agency providing post-adoption services (see the attachment below). Programs, activities, and support services offered by these partners are resources for the enhancement and support of post adoption services offered by county child welfare agencies. **They are not to be used as substitutes for services that each county agency is required to provide to adoptive families.** 

County child welfare agencies are *strongly* encouraged to contact these contracted providers as they are available to meet with you and your staff to discuss their programs. These providers readily seek opportunities to engage the county agency and its adoptive families in receiving appropriate adoption competent services. Each provider's contact information is included on the attachment.

It is the Division's hope that collaboration among public and private adoption professionals will strengthen success in our adoption system. Please contact Teresa Strom at 919-527-6344 or <u>teresa.strom@dhhs.nc.gov</u> with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Kelley, Section Chief Child Welfare Services

cc: Wayne Black Child Welfare Services Team Leaders CWS- 16-2014



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### POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS BY REGION 2014-2017 RFA CYCLE

**REGION 1: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** 

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania, EBCI

**REGION 2: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** CALL: 800-632-1400, ext 280 Avery, Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Yancev

**REGION 3: CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES** CALL: 828-695-4428 Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga, Wilkes

**REGION 4: ECKERD** CALL: 980-819-5047 Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union

#### **REGION 5: BARIUM SPRINGS HOME FOR CHILDREN** CALL: 828-236-2877

Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin

**REGION 6: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** CALL: 800-632-1400, ext 280 Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph

#### REGIONS 7-8: CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH CALL: 855-596-5015

Anson, Cumberland, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Richmond, Scotland, Vance, Wake, Warren, Wayne, Wilson

### **REGION 9: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY**

Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson

# **REGION 10: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY**

## Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington

**REGION 11: CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY** CALL: 252-565-2994 Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Greene, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt

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