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September 17, 2019

## DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: JUVENILE DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, GUARDIAN AD LITEM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, OFFICE OF THE PARENT DEFENDER AND PRIVATE AGENCY LEADERSHIP

SUBJECT: PERMANENCY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

REQUIRED ACTION: □ Information Only ☑ Time Sensitive □ Immediate

North Carolina Division of Social Services, in partnership with the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, invites you to the 1st annual Permanency Leadership Summit focusing on providing resources and igniting momentum for all 100 counties and 41 judicial districts to improve permanency outcomes for children in foster care.

The Partnership For Permanency Summit: Working Together, Family Forever is a one day summit sponsored by Casey Family Programs and will include guest speakers from the University of California at Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Pennsylvania Office of Children and Families and the Courts and UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. The summit will also feature breakout sessions on permanency practices around North Carolina, including Post-Permanency services, Permanency Roundtables, Stakeholder Engagement, Youth Voice in Court, Father engagement and Trauma-informed practice. If you would like to learn more about permanency accomplishments across the state, practice improvements and hear from state and national permanency leaders please join us for this exciting opportunity.

**Date**: November 20, 2019 **Time**: 8:00am - 5:00pm

**Location**: McKimmon Conference & Training Center

North Carolina State University

1101 Gorman Street Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

We are excited to be hosting this summit and encourage you to participate in-person. The plenary sessions will also be available via live broadcast.

To register for the summit, please click on the following link: <a href="https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82L0862K">https://surveymax.dhhs.state.nc.us/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=82L0862K</a>

Please register by November 6, 2019. Registration is limited due to space. Each County DSS will have one seat at the conference: The DSS Director or their designee. Be sure to indicate whether you will be participating in person, or on the live webcast. There is no limit on

the number of people attending remotely via live webcast. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation page including information on how to access the live broadcast, if participating remotely.

A boxed lunch will be provided for those attending the summit in person. Please indicate any dietary restrictions on the registration form.

For questions regarding registration and the summit, please contact Lindsay Harrison at Lindsay.Harrison@dhhs.nc.gov, or 919-527-6366.

Sincerely,

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Child Welfare Director

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