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September 20, 2019

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY CHILD
PROTECTION TEAM CHAIRPERSONS**

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

SUBJECT: 2018 COMMUNITY CHILD PROTECTION TEAM (CCPT) END OF YEAR REPORT

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

This letter distributes the 2018 Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) End of Year Report. Local CCPTs are expected to review cases of child maltreatment, identify areas for systemic change, advocate for reforms and needed resources, offer public education, and report to their county board of social services and the North Carolina Division of Social Services (DSS) on their work over the year. Every year, local CCPTs are asked to complete a survey that captures this work to help assess opportunities to strengthen North Carolina's child welfare laws, rules, and practices at the local and state level. In 2018, the survey inquired about the local teams' functioning and activities over the year and their ideas for improving the child welfare system. This year, 88 CCPTs responded to the survey, including The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians. DSS wishes to thank those CCPTs for their contributions.

The Center for Family and Community Engagement at North Carolina State University administered the survey, analyzed its results, and prepared the attached report. This report documents CCPT accomplishments in 2018 to strengthen the performance and responsiveness of child welfare, and its findings and recommendations can assist with planning for child welfare reform. In addition, the CCPT State Advisory Board used the survey results to make recommendations to DSS for child welfare system improvements. The membership of the Advisory Board included representatives from local CCPTs, county DSS agencies, community organizations, and family and youth partners.

DSS will respond to the Advisory Board's recommendations in writing by December 31, 2019.

Please review the attached 2018 CCPT Report. If you have questions about the report, please contact Melanie Meeks, CCPT Consultant at 919-527-6437.

If you have recommendations that might help inform DSS' written response, please forward them to Ms. Meeks at Melanie.Meeks@dhhs.nc.gov by September 2, 2018. Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Cauley".

Lisa Cauley

Child Welfare Director

cc: Susan G. Osborne, Assistant Secretary for County Operations
Angela Pittman, Senior Director – Child, Family, and Adult Services
Teresa Strom, Section Chief for County Operations
Deborah Day, Community Based Programs Administrator
Melanie Meeks, CCPT Consultant DSS
Child Welfare Staff

Attachment: 2018 Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) End of the Year Report
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