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October 3, 2018

# DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

#### ATTENTION: Directors, Agency Attorneys, Program Managers and Child Welfare Professionals

## SUBJECT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING POLICY AND TRAINING WEBINARS

**REQUIRED ACTION:** \_\_\_ Information Only \_X\_ Time Sensitive \_\_\_ Immediate

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this letter is to inform county child welfare agencies that child welfare policy regarding human trafficking has been updated to reflect the provisions of Session Law 2018-68 (House Bill 776) *Adoption and Juvenile Law Changes* and Session Law 2018-75 (Senate Bill 162) *Human Trafficking and Restorative Justice*. Please see the attached Change Notice CWS-CN-05-2018 for more information. The policy is effective November 1, 2018. Additionally, this letter is to inform county child welfare agencies of rescheduled training opportunities regarding the human trafficking policy changes necessitated by these legislative changes.

The Division, in partnership with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work and Project NO REST, will offer four 90-minute live webinars to child welfare workers, supervisors, and program managers to prepare the workforce for this implementation. The content of each webinar will be the same and will include an overview of human trafficking laws, a discussion of the policy changes, and practice guidance.

#### **REQUIRED ACTION**

Date:	Time:	Link to Register:
10/16/2018	9:30am	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2081120818451026946
10/16/2018	1:00pm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3128101079186788866
10/18/2018	9:30am	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4221176165893821954
10/18/2018	1:00pm	https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7654328655856962306

Participants must register in advance of the webinars using the links below:

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

LOCATION: 820 S. Boylan Avenue, McBryde Building, Raleigh, NC 27603 MAILING ADDRESS: 2408 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-2408 www.ncdhhs.gov • TEL: 919-527-6340 • FAX: 919-715-6714 A link to the webinar will be sent to participants once registered. Participants should use that link to join the webinar on the day of the training.

If you have questions about the webinars, please contact Erin Conner at (919) 527-6351 or at <u>erin.conner@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Lion Sauley

Lisa T. Cauley Deputy Director for Child Welfare Division of Social Services

- Cc: Michael Becketts, Assistant Secretary for Human Services Kristin O'Connor, Section Chief for Policy and Programs Teresa Strom, Local Support Team Manager Kathy Dobbs, Staff Development Team Manager
- Attachments: CWS-CN-05-2018 Human Trafficking Policy Service Providers and Other Referrals in Human Trafficking Cases – by County

CWS-40-2018