Date: September 23, 2020

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Training Opportunities

REQUIRED ACTION:  X Information Only  __ Time Sensitive __Immediate

PURPOSE:

In 2015, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. A component of ESSA is to uphold critical protections for America’s disadvantaged and high-need students. Children and youth experiencing foster care are eligible for additional supports as a result of ESSA.

The Division of Social Services, in partnership with the Department of Public Instruction/Serve Center of UNC-Greensboro are excited to provide additional training opportunities regarding ESSA. Two separate webinars will be offered twice, providing a foundational overview of ESSA and a second part specifically addressing funding. Participants are encouraged to register for both sessions as the funding content builds from information shared during the foundational webinar. This training is open to child welfare and educational staff across the state with a capacity for 500 individuals in each session.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) – Education Stability for Children and Youth in Foster Care – FOUNDATION

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Thank you for your interest in supporting the educational needs of children and youth in North Carolina’s foster care system. If you have any questions, please contact Kimaree Sanders, Foster Care Manager, at Kimaree.Sanders@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Carla McNeill

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Permanency Section Chief
NC Division of Social Services

Cc: Susan Osborne, Assistant Secretary for County Operations for Human Services
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