2020 has been challenging for North Carolina. But it's also a promising time, because our state has a vision and a plan to bring significant and much needed change to our child welfare system. Indeed, the process of child welfare transformation in North Carolina is already well underway. In this issue of Children's Services Practice Notes you will learn about:

- North Carolina’s [plan](#) for remaking its child welfare system
- What NC sees as the "three pillars" of transformation
- The [Unified Leadership Team](#) guiding transformation efforts
- North Carolina’s new practice model, [Safety Oriented Practice](#)
- The [Design Teams](#) the state is using to obtain input from system stakeholders
- How NC is involving [people with lived experience](#) of the system
- And about our state child welfare system’s resilient [response to the pandemic](#)

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