January 19, 2022

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SUBJECT: PERMANENCY PLANNING: POLICY TO PRACTICE UPDATE

REQUIRED ACTION: ☒ Information Only ☐ Time Sensitive ☐ Immediate

PURPOSE: NOTIFICATION OF INCREASED CAPACITY TO OFFICE HOURS WORKGROUP SESSIONS

To support the high level of interest in the policy workgroup sessions, the North Carolina Division of Social Services is pleased to announce that the Permanency Planning: Policy to Practice Office Hours workgroup capacity on GoToTraining has increased.

Beginning with the February 24, 2022 session, an additional 10 openings have been added to workgroup sessions to accommodate county child welfare staff. Each session will now have a maximum of 60 participants. The number of participants has been limited to ensure that thoughtful and open discussion regarding policy and practice occurs and any questions are answered accordingly.

Next Steps:

The links to register for the Permanency Planning: Policy to Practice Office Hours workgroup sessions is available below for those who have not previously registered.

February 24th from 9:00am to 10:30am: https://attendee.gototraining.com/rt/1564260219693624578
February 24th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/6650058950552970754
March 24th from 9:00am to 10:30am: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/7511867159520120322
March 24th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5531081568918897666
April 28th from 9:00am to 10:30am: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5370351660635755010
April 28th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/2946851011645391362
May 26th from 9:00am to 10:30am: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/745718892791383298
May 26th from 1:00pm to 2:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/5944533125334977794
June 23rd from 9:00am to 10:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/4250104343071664898
June 23rd from 1:00pm to 2:30pm: https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/8116921811215841538
Should you have questions about the policy updates or the Permanency Planning: Policy to Practice Office Hours workgroup, please contact Margaret Knight at margaret.knight@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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