CPS in Child Care Settings

- A bill has been drafted but has not yet been introduced
- Assessments will move to DCDEE
- Introduction is expected
Full foster care coverage will be extended through a foster child’s 19th birthday.

It would require continued:

- Monthly caseworker visits
- Permanency Planning Action Team meetings

The Court will determine what is in the child’s best interest.
S423: Foster Care Family Act

- Designed to allow normalcy for children in foster care to engage in activities any child would be able to, such as:
  - Engaging in extra curricular, enrichment, and social activities
  - Could include activities not under the direct supervision of foster parents or other caregivers
  - Release of liability under a reasonable and prudent parenting standard

- Allow caregivers to exercise other parenting responsibilities related to education and sharing information
- Liability insurance for foster parents
- Reduce driving barriers for foster children
Other Child Welfare Projects

- Evaluation of NC’s CPS RFP in final stages
  - Includes study of CPS Intake, Assessment, and In Home
  - Preliminary questions by potential vendors addressed
  - Closing date on the RFP is April 22, 2015
- No current update on CPS Pilot Project
- MOA completed with Mexican Consulate completed. There is a Dear County Director Letter being issued shortly on it.
- Access to the NCCCN Informatics Portal is now available for foster children. There is a Dear County Director Letter from the Director’s Office with more detail on executing a TECCA to access this valuable resource.
April in Child Abuse Prevention Month

- This year’s theme is **Building Great Childhoods**
- The pinwheel is the symbol for the Child Abuse Prevention month
- Resources for local programs can be found on the Prevent Child Abuse NC website
- Reporting suspected child abuse and neglect has frequently been found as an area in which community education is needed so this is a great opportunity to share the community’s responsibility for protecting children.