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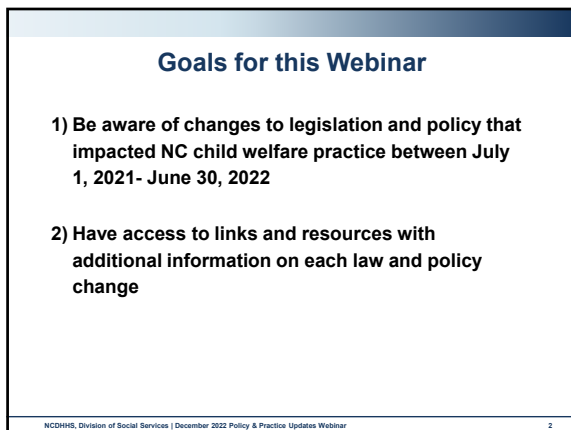
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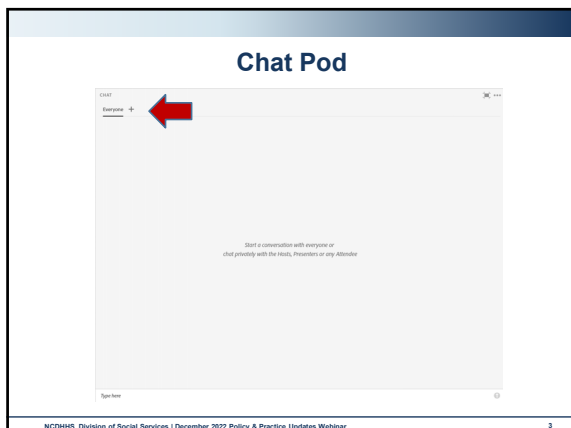
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- We will be capturing your questions via the chat box
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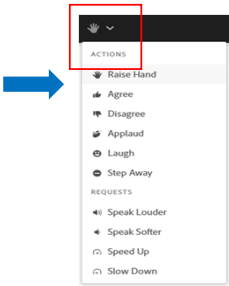
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**SAFETY & PREVENTION LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

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**Session Law: 2021-100**

**HB 132 – REVISIONS TO THE JUVENILE CODE RECOMMENDED BY THE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM:**

- Relative Definition
- Parents and Medication Assisted Treatment



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**Session Law: 2021-132**

**SB 693 – Expedite Child Safety and Permanency:**

- Clarifies Neglect Definition
- NCGS Confidential Records Access
- RIL Notifications
- Diligent Efforts to Locate Relatives



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**Additional Changes**

**Session Law 2021-123:**

- Addition to the Neglect Definition

**Session Law 2021-132:**

- Statewide Operational CPS Hotline Planning Begins



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**Resources**

- **Policy Update Webinar:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uwxlVUk3j0>
- **DSS-DJJ Partnership Webinar:**  
<https://fcrp.unc.edu/dss-and-djj-partnership-working-together-senate-bill-207-legislative-update/>

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**DISASTER PLAN REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL CW AGENCIES**

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### What is Expected of County Child Welfare Agencies?

Child welfare agencies need to address how they will:

1. Identify, locate, and continue services for children;
2. Respond to new child welfare cases;
3. Remain in communication with case workers and other essential personnel;
4. Preserve essential program records; and
5. Coordinate services and share information with other states.

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### Child Welfare Disaster Plan Summary

**Summary checklist includes:**  
Points of contact, types of disasters addressed, when it was distributed to staff and partners, # of staff that have developed a disaster plan for themselves/their own family

**Assurances child welfare agencies have a plan to:**

1. Identify, locate, and continue services for children;
2. Respond to new child welfare cases;
3. Remain in communication with case workers and other essential personnel;
4. Preserve essential program records; and
5. Coordinate services and share information w/ other states.

**Staff is supported before, during, and after the disaster**

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### Where and when can I find the state plan including expectations and toolkit for child welfare agencies?

- See "Disaster Preparedness Resources" section of NC Child Welfare Manual
- See below for direct link

**Child Welfare Manual**

- Purpose, Philosophy, Legal Basis and Staffing
- CPS Intake
- Assessments
- In-Home Services
- Permanency Planning
- Adoptions
- Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
- Foster Home Licensing Manual
- Child Fatality Prevention and Review
- Cross Function
- Disaster Preparedness Resources
- Appendix 1. CPS Data Collection
- Appendix 2. CPPS Manual

<https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/child-welfare/policy-manuals/disaster-preparedness-resources>

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**Resources**

**Webinar:** <https://fcrp.unc.edu/disaster-plan-requirements-and-resources-for-ncs-local-child-welfare-agencies/>



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**FAMILY REUNIFICATION IVB-2**

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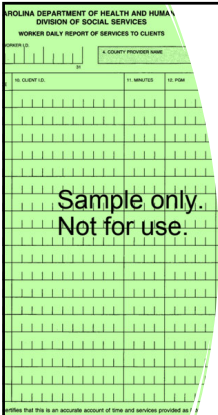
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**IVB-2 Funding**

**IVB-2 Funding can be utilized by the county in two different ways:**

1. Day Sheet Coding
2. Contracted Services

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**Who is eligible?**

- Children in Foster Care
- With a plan goal of reunification
- Age 0-17
- Services for individual clients need to be opened on the DSS-5027

NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM  
CLIENT ENTRY FORM

1 CLIENT ID		3 CLIENT SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		4 DATE OF BIRTH		5 COUNTY # COUNTY CASE NO		6 A FIED THREE		7 OTHER	
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**Reunification Services**

- NC allocates IVB-2 Family Reunification funds to all 100 county child welfare agencies to provide reunification services to children in foster care and their families
- The funding allocation for each county is determined by a formula that includes:
  1. A base of \$5,000 for each county; plus
  2. A percentage of the remaining funds available based on the average number of children in out-of-home care at each quarter's end for the previous federal fiscal year, regardless of plan goal.

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**Monitoring IVB-2 Family Reunification Services**

- IVB-2 cases are monitored in a three-year cycle
- A monitor will contact your county 30-45 days in advance of the scheduled monitoring
- For the review, your agency will be provided with a random sample of cases

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### Required Documents

**Required Monitoring Documents for Family Reunification Services (Service Code 24)**

- Initial Removal Order or Completed Voluntary Placement Agreement DSS-1789 (if applicable)
  - Permanency Planning Court Order for Trial Home Visit or Returns Custody to Parent (if applicable)
- North Carolina Permanency Planning Family Services Agreement DSS-5240 and 5241 (If applicable)
  - Placement Log for child while in care
- DSS 5027 showing Service code 120 and/or 333 is open (if applicable)
- 1571 Administrative Cost Report

**If the agency billed NCDSS on Part I: Salaries of the 1571 Administrative Cost Reports:**

- Direct Day Sheets with Code 24 and 120 for social workers or 333 for paraprofessionals
- The narrative entry that corresponds to appropriate day sheet.

**If the agency billed NCDSS on Part IV: Contracted Services of the 1571 Administrative Cost Reports:**

- General Ledger
- Invoices
- Cancelled Bank Checks
- Credit Card Statements

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## BUILDING SAFETY NETWORKS

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### What is a Safety Network?

- A group of individuals who can provide ongoing support and services to the family to keep children safe
- The network consists of family, friends, and professionals who:
  - Care about the child and family
  - Are willing to engage with child welfare
  - Understand the safety concerns child welfare and others have
  - Are willing to do something that supports the family and keeps the child safe



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### Purpose of Safety Networks

- Help caretakers identify individuals who can support and assist them in providing a safe environment for their child
- Individuals in the Safety Network will work together to help the caregivers build and follow a safety plan that assures the children will be safe, and
- Ensure that the child is placed with relatives when it is safe and appropriate



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### Why are Safety Networks Important?

- Child protective services involvement is temporary
- Social worker visits twice a month are often not enough to ensure safety for a child
- Safety networks can enhance safety
- Families often have people involved in the care of their children and these people can help with supporting permanency and well-being



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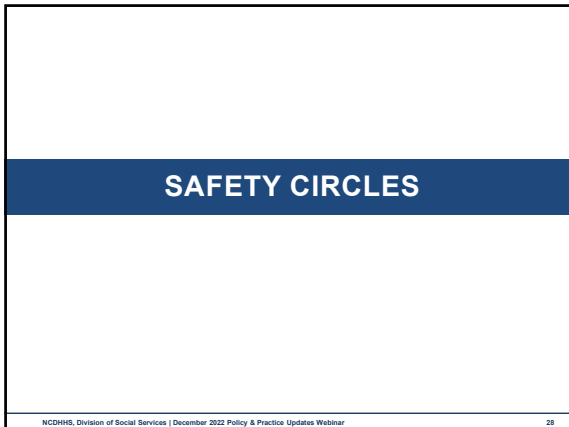
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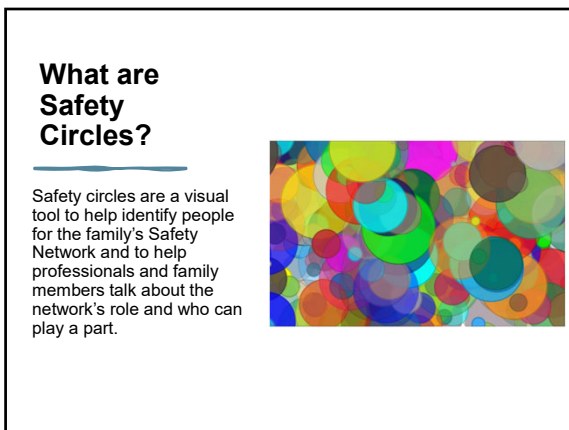
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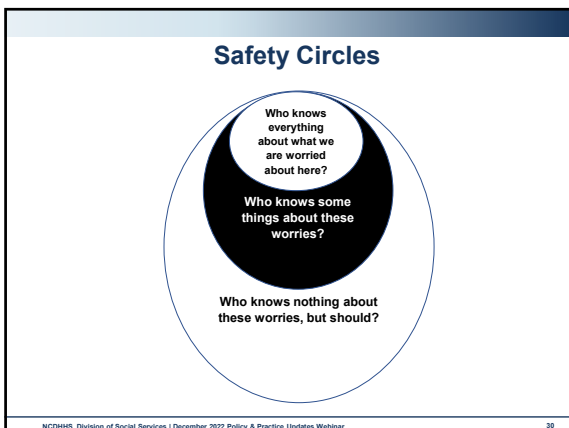
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**Resources**

- **Policy:**  
<https://policies.ncdhhs.gov/divisional/social-services/child-welfare/policy-manuals/using-safety-circles-to-build-safety-networks-december-2021.pdf>

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**IV-E CANDIDACY DEFINITION AND ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING CHANGES**

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**What Is IV-E?**

- IV-E was created in 1980 as part of the Social Security Act
- An uncapped reimbursement of a portion of costs expended for the care and allowable services provided to eligible children
- States are required to develop a plan based on federal requirements and update as they change

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**Newest Law Changes**

- FFPSA was passed in Feb 2018
  - One major change focused on IV-E reimbursement for children in group home settings
- NCDSS took this opportunity to review the IV-E plan, to update both the plan and associated policy

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**Title IV-E Definition**

**“Candidate for Foster Care”**

**A child at imminent or serious risk of removal from the home into foster care as evidenced by the county child welfare agency’s making efforts to either prevent removal or pursuing removal.**

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**In-Home Services for Non-Candidates**

- Counties can provide In-Home services to children who are not candidates
  - May NOT code those services to IV-E
  - Must use alternative program code
  - The CPS Funding Manual
  - Appendix 3.4 has revised instructions on coding options for 215

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**Resources**

- **Webinar:** <https://fcrp.unc.edu/iv-e-policy-changes-candidacy-definition-and-admin-claiming-for-in-home-services-and-foster-care/>
- **Webinar Slides:** <https://fcrp.unc.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/309/2022/01/IV-E-webinar-Jan2022a-handouts.pdf>

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**Overview of Changes**

- Legislative and Policy Changes from Senate Bill 693 Session Law 2021-132
  - *Relative & Non-Relative Placements*
  - *Visitation Requirements*
  - *Juvenile Consultation Meetings with DJJ and Care Review Team with DJJ*
  - *Rapid Response Team*
- Legislative and Policy Changes from House Bill 132 Session Law 100
  - *Sibling Placement & Visitation*
  - *Court Requirements for 17-year-old Juveniles*
  - *Termination Process for the 18-21 Agreements*

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**Permanency Policy to Practice Office Hours Recording**



[www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/county-staff-information/policy-office-hours](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/county-staff-information/policy-office-hours)

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**Senate Bill 693  
Session Law 2021-132**  
*Relative and Non-Relative Placements*



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**Requirements to Identify and Notify Relatives**

**Relative** – An individual directly related to the juvenile by blood, marriage, or adoption. This includes but is not limited to the following: grandparents, siblings, aunts, and uncles.



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### Permanency Planning Policy



Requirements to notify other persons with legal custody of a sibling for a juvenile in non-secure custody...

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### Notification Requirements

- The child has been removed from the custody of the parent
- Options under federal, state, and local law to participate in the care and placement of the children
- Options that may be lost by failing to respond to the notice
- The requirements to become a family foster home
- Services and supports that are available for children in a foster home
- Kinship guardianship assistance payment if the county child welfare services agency has elected to offer such payments

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### Placement with Non-Relative Kin



Placement with non-relative kin, including former appropriate foster parents, must be considered after all relatives and any legal custodians of a sibling have been excluded. If the home is assessed to be appropriate, placement must be approved by the court and designated in the court order.

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For more details on relative and non-relative definitions and notification policy, please visit the following website for a Policy to Practice Office Hours Presentation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YhS9pBUE0DE>



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**Senate Bill 693**  
**Session Law 2021-132**  
*Visitation Requirements*



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**Unsupervised Visitation**

Before a recommendation to the court for unsupervised visitation:

- Observe the parent from which the child was removed for a minimum of TWO visits
- The observed visits must not occur more than 30 days prior to the scheduled permanency planning hearing in which the agency is RECOMMENDING unsupervised visits
- The visits must be at least one hour in duration and be held at least 7 days apart.

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**Visitation when a Parent/Caregiver has a Positive Drug Screen**

- The agency must not withhold or cease court order visitation based on a parent's substance use or positive drug screen alone.
- During the time visitation occurs, if a parent is under the influence of drugs or alcohol and exhibits behavior that could create an unsafe environment for a child or a parent appears to be actively impaired during that visitation, the county agency may cancel that visit only.
- Changes in the visitation plan as a result of a parent's substance use must not be changed unless there is an unsafe environment for the child.

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*For more details on policy related to visitation requirements, please visit the following website for a Policy to Practice Office Hours Presentation*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xCB4QbbDks>



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**Senate Bill 207**  
**Session Law 2021-132**  
*Juvenile Consultation Meetings and Care Review Teams with DJJ*



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**Juvenile Consultation Meetings with DJJ**

According to N.C.G.S 7B-2710, "the parent, guardian, or custodian of a juvenile being provided services through a juvenile consultation shall attend all scheduled meetings with the juvenile court counselor provided sufficient notice of the meeting was given to the parent, guardian, or custodian."

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**Juvenile Consultation Meetings with DJJ**

- If the local county agency has non-secure custody of the juvenile, they must attend all scheduled consultation meetings with the juvenile court counselor and juvenile unless sufficient notice was not given.
- The county agency with non-secure custody of the juvenile should be notified about the juvenile consultation meeting through telephone, email, or mail by the Department of Juvenile Justice.
- The placement provider should attend the consultation meeting with the juvenile, court counselor, and county agency representative.

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**Care Review Team**



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**Care Review Team**

- For a juvenile with a suspected mental illness, developmental disability, or an intellectual disability that has been adjudicated delinquent, the court must order the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety to make a referral for a comprehensive clinical assessment or equivalent mental health assessment unless the court finds that an assessment has been conducted within the last 45 days before the adjudication hearing.
- An assessment ordered by the court, for this subsection, must evaluate the developmental, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of the juvenile.

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**Care Review Team**

- The care review team must develop a recommendation plan for appropriate services and resources that address the identified needs of the juvenile.
- A recommendation to the court must be submitted by the care review team within 30 calendar days of the date of the court order convening the care review team.

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**Care Review Team**

The court shall review the recommendation plan when determining the juvenile's disposition in accordance with N.C.G.S. 7B-2501(c). A care review team shall consist of, at a minimum, all of the following:

- 1) The juvenile.
- 2) The juvenile's parents, guardian, or custodian.
- 3) Representatives from the Juvenile Justice Section of the Division of Adult Correction and Juvenile Justice of the Department of Public Safety.
- 4) A representative from the local management entity/managed care organization or prepaid health plan (PHP) in which the juvenile is enrolled.
- 5) Representatives from any State agency or local department of social services that is currently providing services to the juvenile or the juvenile's family.

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### Care Review Team

If the county department of social services has non-secure custody, they must attend all care review meetings and be a part of the care review team as outlined in N.C.G.S. 7B-2502. The following must occur:

- The local county agency must ensure that the recommendation plan submitted to the court addresses all appropriate services and identified needs for the juvenile.
- The local county agency must ensure that the juvenile has appropriate health insurance coverage for the recommended treatment and must attend any hearings, if necessary, regarding who should pay for the cost of assessment, evaluation, or treatment of the juvenile.

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*For more details on juvenile consultation meetings and DJJ care review teams, please visit the following website for a Policy to Practice Office Hours Presentation*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMtxoRqJycw>



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### Senate Bill 693 Session Law 2021-132 *Rapid Response Policy*



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Requirements when a juvenile in the custody of the Department of Social Services presents to a hospital emergency department for mental health treatment...



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**Rapid Response Policy**

If a juvenile in the custody of the department of social services presents to a hospital emergency department for mental health treatment, certain steps must be taken:

1. The director, or their designee, must contact the appropriate LME/MCO or prepaid health plan to request an assessment within 24 hours of the determination that the juvenile should not remain at the hospital and no appropriate placement is immediately available.
2. The assessment will be performed by either the juvenile's clinical home provider; the hospital, if able and willing; or other qualified licensed clinician within five business days following notification from the director. An assessment pursuant to N.C.G.S §122C-142.2 is defined as a comprehensive clinical assessment, psychiatric evaluation, or a substantially equivalent assessment.
3. The LME/MCO or prepaid health plan must, when applicable or required by their contract with the Department, arrange for the assessment.

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4. For CCA's recommending traditional foster home or a Level I group home: the director must identify and provide the placement within five business days and transport the juvenile to the identified placement within 5 business days after the identification.
5. For CCA's recommending a level of care requiring prior authorization by the LME/MCO or prepaid health plan, the LME/MCO or prepaid health plan must authorize an appropriate level of care and identify appropriate providers within 5 business days. Once an appropriate level of care has been authorized and providers identified, the director must place the juvenile in the appropriate placement within five business days.
6. If the director or LME/MCO or prepaid health plan is unable to identify an appropriate available placement or provider for the juvenile, or if the assessment recommendations differ, the director must immediately notify the Department of Health and Human Services' Rapid Response Team. Pursuant to G.S. 7B-302(a1)(1), the director is authorized to disclose confidential information to the Rapid Response Team to ensure the juvenile is protected from abuse or neglect and for the provision of protective services to the juvenile.
7. Notification to the Rapid Response Team does not relieve the county department of social services from carrying out their responsibilities to the juvenile. Ongoing case management to address the juvenile's educational and social needs must continue during the juvenile's stay in the hospital. Case management can occur virtually or in person so long as the juvenile's needs are met.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBUrnQexqyw>



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**House Bill 132**  
**Session Law 2021-100**  
*Court Requirements for 17-Year-Old Juveniles & Termination Process for the 18-21 Agreement*



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Requirements that must be presented to the court for 17-year-old juveniles...



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**17-year-old Juvenile Court Requirements**

N.C.G.S. 7B-912 (b1) requires county departments of social services to report to the court, at every hearing after a young person's 17th birthday, all the following:

- The department's efforts to identify and secure viable placement options for when the young person attains 18 years of age
- A list of appropriate adults who can serve as resources for the young person when the young person attains 18 years of age
- Contact information of the person responsible for overseeing voluntary foster care placements with young adults in the county department of social services with custody or placement responsibility of the young person and in the county department of social services in the county where the young person plans to reside at the age of 18 years

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**17-year-old Juvenile Court Requirements**

N.C.G.S. 7B-912 (b1) requires county departments of social services to report to the court, at every hearing after a young person's 17th birthday, all the following:

- If appropriate, whether the young person has information about how they may maintain contact with their siblings, parents, or relatives when they reach 17 years of age
- Whether the department has provided the young person with a point of contact to secure Medicaid and maintain physical and mental health services for which the young person will be eligible when they reach 18 years of age • Whether the department has provided the young person with information about educational, vocational, or job plans when the young person reaches 18 years of age
- Whether the department has provided the juvenile with a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security card, health insurance information, driver's license or other identification card, and any educational or medical records and information about how the juvenile may participate in the foster care 18-21 program authorized by N.C.G.S. 108A-48

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**Termination Process for the 18-21 Agreement**



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### Termination Process for the 18-21 Agreement

- When a young adult elects to terminate the 18-21 agreement, the process can move forward. The young adult can notify the agency of termination verbally or in writing. The agency must document in the young adult's case record the method in which the young adult terminates the agreement.
- When the county agency decides to terminate the agreement and the young person disagrees, a motion for review must be filed for the courts to make a resolution. There is no criteria for what the court should consider when resolving whether to terminate



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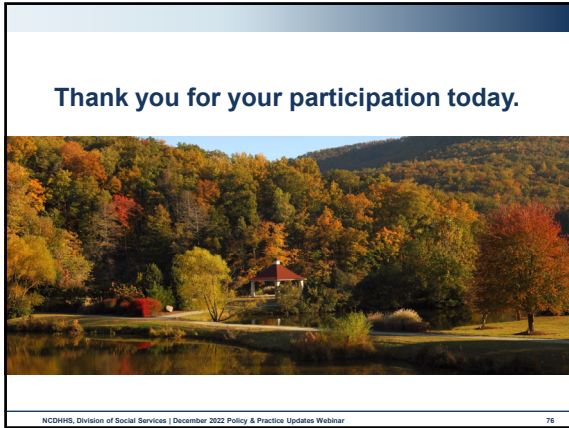
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