

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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**Dear County Directors of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies** 

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Attention: Directors of County Departments of Social Services

Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies

**Child Care Coordinators** 

Other DSS Personnel who work with the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Child Support Managers and Supervisors

**Subject:** Child Support Demonstration Project – For Information

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to announce the pilot counties that will participate in the Child Support Demonstration Project that was outlined in Senate Bill 257 Session Law 2017-57. In conjunction with DCDEE and the Child Support Section of the Division of Social Services, Craven, Davie and Durham Counties have been selected and have agreed to participate in this demonstration project. We greatly appreciate the cooperation of these counties.

This demonstration project requires the custodial parent or other relative or person with primary custody of a child who is receiving subsidized child care services to cooperate with the pilot county's child support services program as a condition of receiving subsidized child care services.

Beginning February 19, 2018, all recipients applying or recertifying for subsidized child care assistance in these three counties will be required to either cooperate with child support or attest that they have good cause to not cooperate in order to receive subsidized child care assistance. This demonstration project will continue through the end of 2018 and a report will be provided to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division no later than March 1, 2019.

If you have questions about the information in this letter, or other Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program questions, please contact <a href="mailto:dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov">dcdee.subsidy.policy.help@dhhs.nc.gov</a> for policy consultation.

Sincerely,

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