



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**
Division of Child Development and Early
Education

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January 16, 2026

Dear County Directors of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies

Letter Number: SCCA DCDL 2026 - #01

Attention: Directors of County Departments of Social Services
Directors of Other Local Purchasing Agencies
Child Care Coordinators, Supervisors, and Managers
Other DSS Personnel who work with the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program

Subject: DCDEE Subsidy Services Section Staffing Changes

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to communicate staffing changes to the Subsidy Services Section within the Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE).

DCDEE is pleased to announce the expansion of the Subsidy Services Section to include four (4) new supervisor positions: Policy Unit Supervisor, Technical Assistance Unit Supervisor, Program Compliance Unit Supervisor, and Provider Compliance Unit Supervisor. Each supervisor will oversee their respective unit, strengthening the section's capacity to support and manage the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program.

Lauren Davis has accepted the position of Subsidy Services Policy Unit Supervisor. Lauren has been with DCDEE's Subsidy Services section since October 2015, giving her just over 10 years of service with the Division. Prior to this position, Lauren served as a Subsidy Services Policy Consultant. Supervision of the Policy Unit involves leading and managing a team of Subsidy Policy Consultants who develop SCCA policies and procedures, ensuring compliance with all federal and state laws and rules. Lauren reports to Tania Lee, Senior Subsidy Manager, and can be contacted at Lauren.Davis@dhhs.nc.gov.

Meagan Mooney has accepted the position of Subsidy Services Technical Assistance Unit Supervisor. Meagan has been with DCDEE's Subsidy Services section since March 2022, giving her over 3 years of service with the Division. Prior to this position, Meagan served as the Subsidized Child Care Technical Consultant for Region 2. Supervision of the Technical Assistance Unit involves leading and managing a team of Technical Assistance Consultants responsible for providing onsite and virtual technical assistance, in the areas of policy interpretation, NC FAST functionality, and fiscal management, to county DSS/LPA staff administering the SCCA Program at the local level. Meagan reports to Tania Lee, Senior Subsidy Manager, and can be contacted at Meagan.Mooney@dhhs.nc.gov.

Lindsey Rogers has accepted the position of Subsidy Services Program Compliance Unit Supervisor. Lindsey has been with DCDEE's Subsidy Services section since June 2018, giving her just over 7 years of service with the Division. Prior to this position, she served as a Subsidized Child Care Program Compliance Consultant. Supervision of the Program Compliance Unit involves leading and managing a team of Program Compliance Consultants who evaluate and complete follow-up on eligibility decisions made by agencies that administer the Subsidized Child Care Assistance Program. Lindsey reports to Kim Miller, Senior Subsidy Compliance Manager, and can be contacted at Lindsey.Rogers@dhhs.nc.gov.

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Wanda Hopkins has accepted the position of Subsidy Services Provider Compliance Unit Supervisor. Wanda has been with DCDEE's Subsidy Services Section since February 2018. Prior to this position, Wanda served as the Subsidy Program Compliance Lead Worker and previously with DCDEE's Regulatory Services since 2007, giving her just over 18 years of service with the Division. Supervision of the Provider Compliance Unit involves leading and managing a team of Provider Compliance Consultants who evaluate, and complete follow-up related to subsidy-enrolled providers' attendance billing and adherence to the Subsidized Child Care Provider Agreement. Wanda reports to Kim Miller, Senior Subsidy Compliance Manager, and can be contacted at Wanda.Hopkins@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Candace Witherspoon".

Candace Witherspoon

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