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HUMAN SERVICES**
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Dear County Director of Social Services and Local Purchasing Agencies

Letter Number: SCCA DCDL 2026- #08

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

Subject: Subsidy Services Provider Compliance Unit Staffing and Territory Changes

The purpose of this Dear County Director Letter is to announce changes to the Provider Compliance Unit within the Subsidized Child Care Assistance (SCCA) Program effective July 1, 2026.

We are pleased to announce the addition of three new consultants: Karen King, Brandon Cason, and Rebecca Rash. Two positions were vacant and a third position was newly created. As a result, the total number of Provider Compliance Consultants increased from five (5) to six (6).

Karen King has been with the DCDEE Subsidy Provider Compliance team since January 2026. Karen came to the Provider Compliance Unit with over 28 years of experience in the early care and education field in NC; she most recently worked as a Reimbursement Specialist/NCFast LPA Provider Manager in a Local Purchasing Agency. Karen serves the child care providers in the **Western Mountains Region** of NC. Karen can be reached at Karen.King@dhhs.nc.gov.

Brandon Cason has been with the DCDEE Subsidy Provider Compliance team since May 2026. Brandon came to the Provider Compliance Unit with 14 years of experience in the early care and education field in both state and federal positions; he most recently worked as a Monitoring Liaison for a consulting firm, WRMA, that supports health and human service agencies. Brandon will serve the child care providers in the **Piedmont/Eastern Sandhills Regions** of NC. He can be reached at Brandon.Cason@dhhs.nc.gov.

Rebecca Rash joined the DCDEE Subsidy Provider Compliance team in June 2026. Rebecca came to the Provider Compliance Unit with over 20 years of experience in child care in NC; she most recently served as a Director of a Developmental Day School. Rebecca will serve the child care providers in the **Northwest/Foothills Regions** of NC. Rebecca can be reached at Rebecca.Rash@dhhs.nc.gov.

Due to the increase in team size and business needs, the Provider Compliance Unit has also experienced some shifts in county assignments. You will find a territory map and county listing attached that shows current county assignments by Consultant and contact information, including phone numbers, for the entire Team.

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If you have questions about the assignments or information in this letter, please reach out to Wanda Hopkins, Subsidy Provider Compliance Unit Supervisor at Wanda.Hopkins@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Candace Witherspoon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Candace Witherspoon

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Attachment