

NCACDSS Eastern Regional Meeting

October 29-30, 2026

DoubleTree Hotel, Atlantic Beach, NC

AGENDA

THURSDAY, October 29

9-12 pm Director's ONLY Session

- Welcome/Connection- Theresa Smith, Richmond Co. DSS Director
- Updates from Executive Director – Karen Powell
- Updates from DHHS Regional Directors
- FMLA Discussion – OSHR (awaiting confirmation)
- PATH NC Reports for Directors – Peter West, NC DHHS

9-12 pm Child Welfare Session

Facilitator: Kathy Moore, Hertford Co. DSS

- PATH NC Ongoing Discussion (9 am-10:30 am) — Peter West, NC DHHS
- Foster Care Funding/SSI – Beth Riley, NC DHHS
- Best Practices Roundtable Discussion

9-12 pm Economic Services Session

Facilitator: April Hobson, Craven Co. DSS

- FNS HR – 1 Discussion – Emma Burgy and Allison Smith, NCDHHS
- Medicaid HR -1 Discussion – Gina Hamilton, Sandy Danner, Christine Coffey, NC Medicaid

9-12 pm Adult Services Session

Facilitator: Shawn Watson, Nash Co. DSS

- Final Rule Discussion- Karey Perez, Sarah Richardson, April Black, NCDHHS Adult Services
- Intake Discussion- Karey Perez/Sarah Richardson Karey Perez, Sarah Richardson, April Black, NCDHHS Adult Services
- County Success Stories of Least Restrictive Alternatives

9-12 pm Fiscal/Budget Session

- See LBL Agenda

12-1:30 pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30-4 pm JOINT Session- Open to all

- 1:30-2:00 LBL Updates: Caleb Hawkins, NC DHHS
Foster Care & Social Security Benefits- Beth Riley, NCDHHS
- 2:00-3:30 HR-1, FNS – Brian Hogan and Medicaid – Gina Hamilton
- 3:30-4 Wrap-Up

6-7 pm Social Network Hour hosted by Vanguard Professional Staffing Inc.

FRIDAY, October 30, 2026

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- Poverty Simulation, NC DHHS