

NCACDSS Regional Meeting

February 19-20, 2026

DoubleTree Hotel, Atlantic Beach, NC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

9-12 pm Director's ONLY Session

- Welcome/ Connection – Denita DeVega, Nash County
- Updates from Executive Director – Karen Powell
- Updates from DHHS Regional Directors
- Open Discussion
- HB 612 (11 am – 12 pm) – Geoff Marett

9-12 pm Child Welfare Session

Facilitator: Veta Ham, Deputy Director, Wayne County DSS

- PATH NC—Peter West (9 am-10:30 am)
- CME's in CAC's
- Hot Topic Discussion

9-12 pm Economic Services Session

Facilitator: April Rollins, Craven County DSS

- Preparation for HR 1 Changes (Caseloads, Trainings for Staff, Vacancies, Etc...)
- Supervisory support
- Suggestions for State Support

9-12 pm Adult Services Session

Facilitators: Ashley Dawson & Senikka Caldwell, Wayne County DSS

- Transitioning from Foster Care to Adult Guardianship
- LINKS for young adults in Adult Guardianship

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
- 2:00-3:30 CFSP/Healthy Blue Care Together—Kristy Kent
- 3:30-4 Wrap-Up

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

9-12 pm JOINT Session- Open to all

- More Than A Job Presentation—Nikia Jefferies, DHHS (9:00-10:00)
- HR 1 Discussion—Jill Simmerman, DHHS (10:00-12:00)