

**NCACDSS Regional Meeting**  
**March 5-6th, 2026**  
**Buncombe County HHS, 40 Coxe Ave, Asheville, NC**  
**AGENDA**

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

**9-12 pm Director's ONLY Session**

- Welcome/ Connection – Kim Arnett, Caldwell County and Korey Fisher-Wellman, Burke County
- Updates from Executive Director – Karen Powell
- Updates from DHHS Regional Directors
- Open Discussion
- HB 612 (11 am – 12 pm) – Matt Hillman, Lincoln County DSS

**9-12 pm Child Welfare Session**

Facilitator: Debbie Dunn, Henderson County

- PATH NC—Peter West, NC DHHS (9 am-10:30 am)
- Support the Supporters – Regulation, Appreciation, and Accountability for Frontline Supervisors: Debbie Dunn, Henderson County (10:30am – 12pm)

**9-12 pm Economic Services Session**

Facilitator: Casey McGill, Alleghany County

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

**9-12 pm Adult Services Session**

Facilitator: Beverly Ruppard, Caldwell County

- Standard Operative Procedures for Transitioning from Foster Care to Adult Guardianship: Beverly Ruppard and April Wiles-Williamson, Caldwell County
- LINKS (Virtual): Tori Marshall, NC DHHS and Shirley Williams, NC DHHS

**9-12 pm Fiscal/Budget Session**

Facilitator: Ruth Lockman, Lincoln County DSS

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 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, NC DHHS (10:00-12:00)