

# Monthly Director's Report to

## Board of Social Services



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~ The Office of Budget and Management has released a request for proposal (RFP) seeking a qualified vendor to conduct assessments of the state's current social services and child welfare programs and develop a comprehensive plan for reform, per House Bill 630, Part II. Proposals are due Nov. 16, and a contract will be in place by March 1, 2018. The 65 page RFP is available upon request. The study includes pay studies for all staff/administration, and educational requirements for all including a specific part for the directors.

~ Federal funding for CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) expired on September 30, 2017. 256,000 children in North Carolina and 9 million children in the US are covered by CHIP. CHIP provides health care coverage for children who do not qualify for Medicaid and whose families lack access to insurance. Several bills have been introduced in Congress that would address insurance for children in low/moderate income families. The KIDS Act (Keeping Kids Insurance Dependable and Secure) has been introduced in the Senate and the Healthy Kids Act (Helping Ensure Access for Little Ones, Toddlers, and Hopeful Youth by Keeping Insurance Delivery Stable) has been introduced in the US House. North Carolina is projected to exhaust all of its federal funds for CHIP within the first three months of 2018.

~ The Henderson County Toy Run will be held on November 18, 2017. The toys and money that are collected will benefit children in foster care and other needy children in the community. The day begins at Fletcher Park at 10 am with motorcycle rider registration. The parade will leave the park at 1:30 pm and travel to the Henderson County Courthouse on Grove Street. *Please join us for a heartwarming experience. (See enclosure)*

~ The Director's Association (NCACDSS) is looking forward to the Social Services Institute and the opportunity to bring together DSS Boards and Staff for training and networking.

**Employees of the Month:** The October Employees of the Month list is enclosed.