

Monthly Director's Report to Board of Social Services



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- ~ The 2020 SSI (Social Services Institute) in Hickory has been cancelled. Future dates for the Institute are August 4-6, 2021 and August 3-5, 2022. We have not received information on the Social Service Commission's plans regarding New DSS Board Member training that usually occurs at the SSI.
- ~ The National Association of County Human Services Administrators (NACHSA) has requested that Congress increase the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funding for counties to respond to Covid-19 by 4.1 billion dollars. In NC, SSBG funds are passed from the State directly to the counties. Henderson County uses SSBG funds to provide services to our adult/elderly population and children/families. These funds support the provision of services by social workers and does not go directly to clients. HCDSS was allocated around \$400,000 in SSBG for FY 19/20. We have used our allocation for the year. 100% county funds are used once SSBG funds are exhausted. The National Association of Counties (NACO) is also working with Congress to secure these funds. Please support this increased funding.
- ~ Our administrative staff is working on a plan to move our department forward in compliance with Governor Cooper's Executive Orders. We have been discussing this for several weeks. Our plan will be documented on a template to be included in a countywide plan.

Employees of the Month: The May Employees of the Month list is attached.