

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF PRIVATE CHILD-PLACING AGENCIES FOR FOSTER CARE

ATTENTION: ALL CHILD WELFARE SERVICES STAFF

SUBJECT: FOSTER PARENT MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The North Carolina Division of Social Services would like to inform you of an opportunity available to licensed foster parents through the <u>Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU)</u>. LGFCU is a not-for-profit, member-owned financial cooperative. Like many banking institutions, LGFCU offers checking accounts, savings accounts, vehicle, homeowner and other loans, insurance, retirement planning and other services.

Foster parents licensed through county Departments of Social Services in North Carolina are eligible for membership with LGFCU and can join by visiting any State Employee's Credit Union (SECU) branch. SECU has at least one branch in all 100 counties. To demonstrate elibility, foster parents will need to present the attached promotional flyer when they visit their local branch. Foster parents licensed through private child placing agencies are not eligible for membership.

For more information on LGFCU membership and services, visit https://www.lgfcu.org/ or contact the LGFCU Administrative Office at 1-800-334-4846 (toll free), or 919-755-0534 (Raleigh), or by sending an email to info@lgfcu.org.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief Child Welfare Services

Attachment: LGFCU Foster Parent Flyer

CC: Wayne E. Black

Child Welfare Services Team Leaders

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As a foster parent in North Carolina,

you are eligible for membership in Local Government Federal Credit Union (LGFCU). We invite you to visit **www.lgfcu.org** to discover all the benefits membership can bring to you and the children you foster.



How do I join?

Anywhere you see a State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) branch, that's an LGFCU branch, as well! LGFCU members use these branches as their own. Simply visit any branch—there is at least one in each of the 100 counties of NC! Bring this sheet with you to show that you are eligible for membership.

SECU Branch Personnel:

Please note that the appropriate department code will be tied to the county in which the foster parent is affiliated. For example, if the foster parent is serving within Wake County, the appropriate code would be 20210, which is the department code for Wake County. Should you have questions about eligibility of foster parents/the children they foster, please contact the Support Center.