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## **You're Invited to Participate in Focus Groups on Patron Psychosocial Needs**

The State Library of Iowa would like to know how they can best support you and your library with patrons' needs, and whether a social work/public library collaboration might be helpful in your district. You are being invited to participate in a focus group of Iowa public library directors and other administrators, which will provide information about potential models for public library and social work collaborations, and will ask your opinions to help determine what model might work best in your district.

The State Library has partnered with Dr. Beth Wahler from the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte to conduct these focus groups. Dr. Wahler's primary research interests center on library patrons' psychosocial needs and how social work can help libraries address these needs, and she has completed needs assessments of other public library systems.

**We need participation from all districts of the state, and your participation will be extremely helpful to ensure your district and your local library are represented. If you are not able to attend, you may delegate another attendee from your library.**

All focus groups will be held by zoom, and participants will be grouped by geographic location. Groups are scheduled for the following times:

1. Central District
  - Wednesday 6/8 9-10:30am Central
  - Monday 6/13 1-2:30 PM Central
2. Northeast District
  - Friday 6/10 9-10:30am Central
  - Thursday 6/16 1-2:30 PM Central
3. Northwest District
  - Wednesday 6/8 2-3:30PM Central
  - Tuesday 6/21 9-10:30am Central
4. North Central District
  - Thursday 6/9 1-2:30PM Central
  - Friday 6/24 9-10:30am Central
5. Southeast District
  - Tuesday 6/14- 9-10:30am Central
  - Wednesday 6/22 1-2:30PM Central
6. Southwest District

- Friday 6/17 9-10:30am Central
- Thursday 6/23 1-2:30PM Central

**Please click the link below to indicate your interest in participating in one of the focus groups.**

If you have any questions about this research, please contact Beth Wahler at [beth.wahler@uncc.edu](mailto:beth.wahler@uncc.edu) or 704-687-0642.

[Focus Group Participation Form](#)

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