



Rowan County Board of Social Services  
1813 East Innes Street  
Salisbury, NC 28146

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The Honorable Greg Edds and the  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners  
130 West Innes Street  
Salisbury, NC 28144


To our respected partners in public service:

The Social Services Board has reviewed the attached policy and makes a formal recommendation that the Department of Social Services be officially deemed a nonpublic forum. It has come to our attention that individuals often self-identified as First Amendment Auditors are filming and even live-streaming in government facilities nationwide. This has occurred in other North Carolina Social Services Departments. North Carolina Social Services Directors have sought guidance from the UNC School of Government because of the sensitive nature of the business conducted in DSS offices.

Because of confidentiality and safety concerns, the School of Government recommends taking steps to protect citizens conducting official business at DSS offices by establishing clear policies and guidelines. Further, once a policy is adopted, it is necessary to post signage that identifies a space that otherwise might be considered public to be a nonpublic forum.

Thank you for your continued support of the thousands of Rowan County citizens served through the many programs and services that DSS administers.

Sincerely,



Carlton Jackson, Jr.  
Chair-Social Services Board