

Kathy Sutehall
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Kathy began working for Wake County in April 1990 with the Child Welfare Division as an investigator, specializing in sexual abuse. As a respected member of the sexual abuse team, she worked in conjunction with law enforcement, medical and legal personnel to protect vulnerable child and assure appropriate treatment for all family members.

In 1999, she left county employment for five months. Kathy returned to Wake County as a foster care social worker, helping children who were removed from an unsafe home. As a foster care worker she assisted parents in remedying risk factors to enable children to return home or to find permanent homes with relatives or adoptive parents.

Kathy returned to her assessor role in 2002. With the opening of the Eastern Regional Center in November 2002, she volunteered to pilot the first Child Welfare blended team under the supervision of Lisa Cauley. Kathy was instrumental in the development of collaborative relationships with law enforcement and Wake County Public Schools in eastern Wake County for the protection of children and families. Kathy has been a mentor to many child welfare social workers and interns especially in the areas of domestic violence and sex abuse.

Kathy will retire on July 1 after 26 years of service to Wake County. Please join me in congratulating her on her retirement.