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Division of Social Services

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September 30, 2002

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Adult Services Social Workers And Supervisors

Subject: Working With Clients Who Have Serious Mental Illness: The DSS Perspective

We are pleased to inform you that the workshop entitled **Working With Clients Who Have Serious Mental Illness: The DSS Perspective** will be conducted on **November 6-7, 2002 at the Pasquotank County Department of Social Services in Elizabeth City** and also on **April 29-30, 2003 at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center in Charlotte**. This curriculum was developed as part of the Division's contract with the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES) at the Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work UNC-Chapel Hill.

This **two-day training** is designed for adult services social workers and supervisors working with DSS clients who have serious mental illness. The workshop will provide workers and supervisors with practice skills, information, and resources in working with clients who have serious mental illness. Particular attention will be focused on effective psychosocial interventions, working with difficult client behaviors, and strengthening linkages with other agencies and resources within the community.

Registration information for the training is attached and is also available through the **CARES website**: <http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm>. The **fee** for this **two-day training** is **\$35.00**. The **registration deadline for the Elizabeth City site is October 23rd; the deadline for the Charlotte site is April 15th**. Registration is limited to 35 participants, so your staff are encouraged to register as soon as possible. The training has been approved for excess registration by the Division. If you need additional information, you are welcome to contact Geoffrey Santoliquido in the Adult Services Branch (919) 733-3818, your Adult Programs Representative, Libby Phillips at CARES (919) 962-0650, or Robin Gault-Winton at CARES (919) 843-7582.

Sincerely,

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John T. Tanner, Chief
Adult and Family Services Section

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