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Dear County Director of Social Services, Area Mental Health Director, Local Health Director, and County Department on Aging Director

ATTENTION: ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISOR

Subject: Training for Public Agent Guardians

The Division of Social Services is pleased to announce that four workshops titled, **Guardianship: "A Systematic Approach"**, will be conducted during FY 2001 – 2002. These workshops are being co-sponsored with the Area Health Education Centers (AHECs). The workshops will be held in the following locations:

November 7 & 8, 2001

Halifax Regional Medical Center
250 Smith Church Road
Roanoke Rapids, NC
(Co-sponsor: Area L AHEC)

February 7 & 8, 2002

Wake AHEC
3024 New Bern Avenue
Raleigh, NC
(Co-Sponsor: Wake AHEC)

April 16 & 17, 2002

Southern Regional AHEC
1601 Owen Drive
Fayetteville, NC
(Co-Sponsor: Southern Regional AHEC)

May 15 & 16, 2002

Regional High Tech Center
112 Industrial Park Drive
Waynesville, NC
(Co-Sponsor: MAHEC)

These two-day workshops are primarily designed for directors and assistant directors of local human services agencies who serve as disinterested public agent guardians. Social workers, case managers, public health nurses who provide case management responsibility for guardianship will also find these workshops beneficial. The focus of the workshops is in keeping with the statutory requirement that all disinterested public agents receive training on their roles and responsibilities as guardians. Information on guardianship law, DHHS policy and practice guidelines related to guardianship will be presented.

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Those attending the workshops should bring copies of the North Carolina Division of Social Services, Family Services Manual, Volume V, Chapter VII: Guardianship. Each of the workshops will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 4:30 PM on both days.

Brochures with the registration information for the workshops will be sent out by the AHECs. **Please note that the registration information is to be returned to the AHEC listed on the particular brochure.** Please make copies of the registration information if more than one person from your staff plans to attend the workshop. There is no limitation on the number of agency staff who may attend a workshop or on the workshop location they may choose. There is a registration fee of \$35.00 per person for each workshop location. Substitutions may be sent for staff who have registered for a workshop and are unable to attend.

Please share this information with the appropriate staff and mark your calendars. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Rosalyn Pettyford, Guardianship Program Consultant, at (919) 733-3818, or for staff in county department of social services, your Adult Programs Representative.

Sincerely,



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