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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Adoption Supervisors, Social Workers, and Recruiters

Subject: Adoption Awareness Month

As you are aware, November is national Adoption Awareness Month. We are pleased to announce the development of tools to assist you with promotional activities in your county. To access these tools, go to <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/childrenservices/index.htm> and choose the link for Adoption Awareness Month Activities. This link will give you suggestions about free and easy activities your county can do to increase awareness of children who need to be adopted. In addition, NC KIDS has sent a copy of the North Carolina Adoption Awareness Month Proclamation to each county DSS.

As you have previously been informed, the kick-off for Adoption Awareness month will be held on November 1st in Winston-Salem. This statewide adoption awareness event, "Adoption Celebration: Caring Families, Courageous Kids" is being sponsored and hosted by NC KIDS. This will be a fun-filled day for families, children and social workers, featuring games, activities, adoption information, and prizes. We hope you and your staff have plans to attend. Additional information about this event is also posted on the Children's Services website.

If you should have any questions about the event or Adoption Awareness Month tools, please feel free to contact Catherine Joyner at 919-733-2279 or by email at catherine.joyner@ncmail.net.

Thank you for your on-going support of foster child adoptions. Together, we can have another year of record-breaking adoptions in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles C. Harris".

Charles C. Harris, Chief
Children's Services Section

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