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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: COUNTY DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE STAFF, AND CHILD WELFARE ATTORNEYS**

**SUBJECT: REVISED MODEL COURT REPORTS FOR DISPOSITIONAL AND REVIEW, PERMANENCY PLANNING, AND POST-TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS HEARINGS**

This letter is to inform counties of revisions that have been made to the "model court reports" for Dispositional and Review Hearings ([DSS-5310-ia](#)), for Permanency Planning Hearings ([DSS-5311-ia](#)) and for Post-Termination of Parental Rights Hearings ([DSS-5312-ia](#)). A section was added to each of these model reports to ensure that agencies and the Courts are giving due consideration to the educational needs of each child. This section was designed to capture the agency's efforts to ensure educational stability as required in the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 as outlined in the Program Instructions ACYF-CB-PI-10-11 issued by the Administration for Children and Families ([http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/policy/pi/2010/pi1011.htm](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/laws_policies/policy/pi/2010/pi1011.htm)). These model court reports were also modified to allow counties to identify efforts toward achieving both plans whenever concurrent plans have been developed. Additionally, the model court report for Dispositional and Review and Post-Termination of Parental Rights Hearings now include a section to document the transitional living plan for youth 16 and older.

Counties may continue to use their own format or alter these forms as they desire, provided that all of the required elements, to include the recent additions, are included and presented to the Court.

If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please feel free to contact Susan Sanderson at 910-293-4356 or at [susan.sanderson@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:susan.sanderson@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Kelley".

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief  
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