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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS AND LICENSING ADOPTION STAFF

SUBJECT: WEBINAR – RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF FAMILIES FOR TEENS

Continuous recruitment and retention of foster homes are vital to effectively serve abused and neglected children. Recruitment and retention are also key components of our Program Improvement Plan as related to the federal Child and Family Services Review. As part of our ongoing work to enhance these efforts, the Division of Social Services is offering a special online learning opportunity on March 19, 2009.

A 90-minute webinar (online seminar) produced by the Jordan Institute for Families at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work entitled "Finding Families for Teens" will be held on March 19, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. This training event will offer real-world examples and practical suggestions for recruitment and retention. Featured presenters will be Nancy Carter, Tamika Williams, and two youth who have been in foster care. Ms. Carter is with Independent Living Resources and Ms. Williams is the Permanency Coordinator with the Division of Social Services.

Individuals can apply to register for the webinar by e-mailing John McMahon with the Jordan Institute for Families (johnmcmahon@mindspring.com). The deadline for registration is March 9, 2008. Please encourage your staff to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charisse S. Johnson".

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
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