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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DEAR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILD PLACING AGENCIES (FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION)

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES STAFF

SUBJECT: TWO PRACTICE GUIDES FOR PARTNERING WITH RESOURCE FAMILIES

The Division of Social Services is pleased to announce the availability of two practice guides for partnering with resource families. Both guides were developed by the NC Division of Social Services in collaboration with the Jordan Institute for Families at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. These practice guides are attached to this letter and can be found on the Division of Social Services Publication web site at <http://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dss/publications/index.htm>:

- ***Treat Them Like Gold: A Best Practice Guide for Partnering with Resource Families.*** This guide was originally published in 2009 and is a comprehensive source for tools your agency can use to build, refine, and sustain partnerships with resource families. The 2015 version of the guide includes updated websites, contact information, and several new resources added to Chapter IV. Diversity.
- ***Partnering with Latino and Immigrant Families: Resources and Suggestions for Child Welfare Professionals.*** Developed as a supplement to *Treat Them Like Gold*, this 2015 guide evolved through the work of the Division's "Latino MAPP Workgroup" and shares North Carolina (and national) resources for helping achieve safety, permanence and well-being for the increasing number of Latino and immigrant families served by the North Carolina child welfare system.

If you have questions about these guides or the Latino MAPP Workgroup, please contact Ginger Caldwell at ginger.caldwell@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-527-6365.

Sincerely,

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