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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND
CHILD WELFARE WORKERS**

SUBJECT: "STRENGTHENING PARENT-CHILD VISITS" WEBINAR

Visits are routine and a frequently court-ordered part of child welfare. Best practice and research indicate regular contact between children and their family helps families be more successful in achieving child safety, permanence, and well-being. All too often the potential benefits of visits go unrealized.

As part of the Division's ongoing efforts to enhance outcomes for families and children, we are inviting you to participate in a 90-minute webinar (online seminar) on **September 28, 2010 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Produced by the Jordan Institute for Families at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work and entitled "Strengthening Parent-Child Visits," this webinar will give child welfare social workers and supervisors an opportunity to reflect on the dynamics of parent-child visits, explore the research, and apply practice skills that will help them use visits more effectively to inform case planning and facilitate timely reunification.

Individuals **MUST** register online to participate in this webinar, **even** if they are joining in the webinar as part of a group. To register individuals should:

- Log in to their <http://www.ncswLearn.org> account
- Select "Personalized Learning Portfolio (PLP)"
- Select "Webinar" option
- Click on the "apply for registration" button

Deadline: Registrations must be received by midnight on September 21, 2010.

To participate in this webinar a computer must have: (1) External speakers or headphones (to avoid disturbing others); (2) Broadband internet access; (3) Adobe Flash Player version 10 or higher.

We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity, and encourage others to do so as well. If you need further information on how to apply to participate in this webinar, please e-mail Katie Stella (kstella@email.unc.edu).

Sincerely,

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

Charisse S. Johnson, Chief
Child Welfare Services