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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ADOPTION PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND WORKERS

SUBJECT: POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Adoption and Safe Families Act requires states to dedicate a portion of its federal Promoting Safe and Stable families (PSSF) funds to Post Adoption Support Services. The legislation recognizes that adoption is a life-long process and requires support on an on-going basis so adoptive families can make a lifetime commitment to their children.

In April the Division of Social Services released a Request for Application (RFA) for post adoption services. RFAs were to reflect a post adoption support program whose delivery is within the context of strength-based, family centered practice and is culturally respectful and community based. Attached is the list of agencies who have been awarded a grant following a thorough review process. All 100 counties are divided into 11 regions with one agency providing post-adoption services for each region (see attachment). Programs, activities, and support services offered by these partners are resources for the enhancement and support of post adoption services offered by *county DSS* agencies. **They are not to be used as substitutes for services that each agency is expected to provide to adoptive families.**

County DSS agencies are *strongly* encouraged to contact these agencies as they are available to meet with you and your staff to discuss their programs. They readily seek opportunities to engage your agency and adoptive families in receiving appropriate adoption competent services. Each agency's phone number is included on the attachment.

It is the Division's hope that collaboration among public and private adoption professionals will strengthen success in our adoption system. Please contact Jeanne Preisler at (919) 334-1133 or Jeanne.Preisler@dhhs.nc.gov with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin Kelley, Chief
Child Welfare Services Section

Attachment: [Post Adoption Service Providers by Region](#)

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