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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, SUPERVISORS, AND CHILD WELFARE WORKERS

SUBJECT: NEW REGISTRY WEBSITE FOR VACANT SOCIAL SERVICES POSITIONS

This letter is to announce the launch of a new online, single portal job registry for social services jobs in North Carolina. With input from key stakeholder groups including the North Carolina Division of Social Services (NCDSS), county directors of social services, county human resource staff, and social work students, the website was designed and developed by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work's Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative. The project also garnered support through a cooperative agreement with the Administration for Children and Families. The primary purpose of the site is to connect job seekers with available social services positions in North Carolina. The site will allow job seekers to learn about current vacancies, as well as, about the county and agency where the position is based.

The Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative is reaching out to social work education programs across the state to reach graduates and other potential job seekers. Connections are also being made to other websites where jobs are posted such as the Office of State Personnel, the Employment Security Commission, the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services, and NCDSS.

The website, <http://ssw.unc.edu/dssjobsnc>, will officially launch at the Social Services Institute at a breakfast sponsored by the Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative. The breakfast will be held on the morning of October 27 and is for Directors and other key staff with human resources responsibilities at the county level, who are to be identified by the agency directors. An invitation to the breakfast that includes more information about using the job registry will be sent in a separate email.

While the site remains under construction, NCDSS extends an invitation to visit it to view the progress. Also in advance of the launch, please identify the **key person in your agency** who you would like to serve as the primary contact for the job registry team. This contact person will be asked to **authorize requests for new user accounts** in your county – in other words, this person will be asked to approve requests to grant individuals access to posting jobs and updating your county profile. Please email that person's contact information to: dssjobsnc@unc.edu.

If you have any questions about this project or the website, please contact Selena Childs at the Child Welfare Workforce Collaborative at (919) 834-8144.

Sincerely,

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

Kevin Kelley, Chief
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