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Division of Social Services

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July 11, 2003

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Children's Services Supervisors

SUBJECT: 2003 Adoption Excellence Awards

The federal Administration for Children and Families has established the Adoption Excellence Awards to honor individuals, states, agencies, organizations and businesses that have demonstrated excellence in providing stable, permanent homes for children in foster care. To nominate yourself or someone else for a 2003 Adoption Excellence Award, review the award categories and eligibility criteria and submit a completed nomination form by July 31, 2003.

To obtain nomination materials, please visit www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/initiatives/aeawards.htm or contact LaChundra Thomas at 202-205-8252 or lthomas@acf.hhs.gov. To view the list of 2002 awardees, go to www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/initiatives/aeawards02.htm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize individuals and programs in our state that have demonstrated a commitment to children in our child welfare system by promoting permanency through adoption. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and submit a nominee for this national recognition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Lamm".

JoAnn Lamm, Program Administrator
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

cc: Pheon Beal
Sherry Bradsher
Children's Program Representatives
Work First Representatives
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders
Local Business Liaisons

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