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Division of Social Services

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DEAR DIRECTOR OF COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Challenge for Children Report

This letter is to inform you that the 2007 Challenge for Children reporting form includes a line for the number of children who were placed in your county's custody during 2006 and left your county's custody during 2006. **It is not necessary to list these children.** Capturing the number of children that never entered the backlog **will support other evidence** that North Carolina is committed to assuring the wellbeing of children.

As in the past few years, the children listed on the Challenge for Children 2007 reporting form are those children that entered the backlog during 2006. The children on this list are the children that have been in your agency's custody more than twelve months **and** are not listed on the print out that was included with your Challenge for Children letter sent to you **via State Courier**. For additional information, you may contact Phyllis Fulton at (919) 733-2279. Ms. Fulton's email address is phyllis.fulton@ncmail.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther T. High".

Esther T. High, Acting Chief
Family Support and Child Welfare Section

cc: Sherry Bradsher
Jo Ann Lamm
Sarah Barham
Local Business Liaisons Managers
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders
Children's Services Programs Representatives

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