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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

ATTENTION: Adoption Supervisors

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR POST ADOPTION SERVICES

We are pleased to announce that the Division has entered into partnership with several agencies to offer additional post-adoption services to the many families who have adopted children from the foster care system. The Adoption and Safe Families Act signed by President Clinton in 1997 mandates that a portion of the Safe and Stable Families Act funds be used for adoption promotion and support, including post-adoption services. After careful review of the response to our Request for Proposals, the Division has contracted with four agencies to provide services throughout the state. County agencies are encouraged to contact these agencies to enlist help in providing post-adoption services to families.

These agencies and contacts are:

- **Mountain Youth Resources, Linda Fitzsimmons (828) 226-7338**, services Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, and Yancey counties.
Division Program Consultant: Rhoda Ammons at Rhoda.Ammons@ncmail.net or 828-670-5054
- **Children's Home Society, Sandra Yarborough (336) 274-6176 ext. 350**, services Alamance, Anson, Cabarrus, Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Montgomery, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Union, and Vance counties.
Division Program Consultant: Bernadine Walden at Bernadine.Walden@ncmail.net or (919)733-2279
- **Another Choice for Black Children, Ruth Amerson (704) 394-1124**, services Bladen, Brunswick, Chatham, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Franklin, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hoke, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wake, Warren, Wayne, and Wilson counties.
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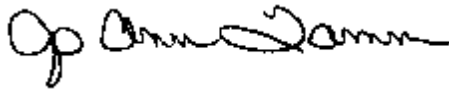
- **Martin County Community Action, (1) Cathy Lee Jones (252) 825-3336**, services Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Pitt and **(2) Kimberly Moody (252) 695-9041**, services Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Dare, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

Division Program Consultant: Sue Bell at Sue.Bell@ncmail.net or (919) 733-2279.

Services offered by these partners are resources for enhancement and support of post adoption services offered by your agencies. They are not to be used as substitutes for the services that each agency is expected to provide to adoptive families.

Post-Adoption support services play a major role in maintaining strong adoptive families. The Division believes that this additional support is necessary to provide services throughout the state. For additional information about post adoption services in your area, please contact the assigned program consultant.

Sincerely,



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