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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Work First Program Administrators, Supervisors, and Staff

SUBJECT: 2005-2007 TANF State Plan

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan for FFY 2005-2007 is available for public comment effective February 11, 2005. The 45 day public comment period will end March 27, 2005. It is important to note that each county Department of Social Services (DSS) maintain a copy of this plan, which has been attached, for public viewing. Also interested citizens can view a copy of the plan at <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/pubnotice/index.htm> and forward comments to **Work.First@ncmail.net**

Pending TANF Reauthorization, changes to the plan have been limited. The most notable change is the inclusion of two (2) redesignation requests for Catawba and Stokes Counties. The counties are currently following Standard policy but have requested Electing County status. Currently there are nine (9) counties designated as Electing. They have requested to remain as such. We anticipate that many changes will occur as a result of TANF Reauthorization. At that time, the Division will work with county DSS agencies in revising the State TANF plan accordingly.

Any additional questions regarding the TANF State Plan for FFY 2005-2007 should be forwarded to Carla McNeill, Program Consultant in the Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section, at (919)-733-3360.

Sincerely,

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

Jo Ann Lamm, Section Chief
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Attachment

Cc: Pheon Beal
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