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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

ATTN: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT PERSONNEL

RE: MRS TRAINING: CORNERSTONE I

In anticipation of statewide Multiple Response System implementation and as part of our ongoing training efforts in this area, the Division is pleased to announce an important localized training opportunity, particularly for those 48 counties that have not yet begun implementation.

*Cornerstone I: Multiple Response is System Reform* provides an overview of MRS principles and practices and an opportunity for individual counties to begin planning MRS implementation with their local community partners. This one day training and planning event will be sponsored by the Division and our training partners from UNC-CH. It will include an MRS overview, testimonials and information from current MRS counties, consultation with Division Policy staff, CPRs and WFRs, and a framework for planning local implementation. We encourage you to have both staff and community partners attend this full day event.

**Although *Cornerstone I* is targeted to the 48 counties that have not yet begun MRS implementation, it is open to all 100 counties. The current 52 MRS counties are welcome to send staff who are unfamiliar with MRS.** The 48 counties who are preparing to implement MRS January 1, 2006 are grouped in the clusters below. Registration will be handled on-site. There is no need to pre-register. Site details will be forthcoming from your CPR along with a small electronic marketing packet you can use to invite community partners.

3/14/05	Gaston
3/15/05	Rockingham and Stokes
3/18/05	Cabarrus, Stanly, and Rowan
3/31/05	Washington, Beaufort, and Bertie
4/1/05	Hertford, Northampton, Chowan, Perquimans, and Camden
4/1/05	Madison
4/4/05	Avery, Mitchell
4/18/05	McDowell, Burke, and Rutherford

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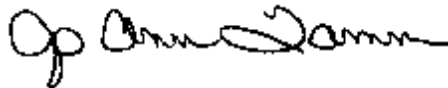
5/3/05 Pitt and Edgecombe  
5/4/05 Lenoir and Greene  
5/5/05 Sampson and Wayne  
5/6/05 Richmond, Anson, Montgomery, and Randolph  
5/10/05 Cumberland and Hoke  
5/11/05 Robeson and Columbus  
5/16/05 Vance and Granville  
5/25/05 Onslow, Pender, and Jones  
5/26/05 Carteret  
TBA Dare, Hyde, and Tyrell  
TBA Surry, Wilkes, Alleghany, and Yadkin  
TBA Forsyth

For more information on MRS training, or to discuss plans for MRS implementation, please contact either of the following:

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Sincerely,



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