



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

Sherry S. Bradsher, Director
(919) 733-3055

February 7, 2007

Dear County Director of Social Services

ATTENTION: Child Welfare Program Administrators and Supervisors

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Public Instruction and the Division of Social Services

The Department of Public Instruction and the Division of Social Services have entered into a new Memorandum of Agreement (contract number 08300) regarding the collaborative responsibility to protect North Carolina's children. This memorandum of agreement supersedes the agreement dated January 27, 1992.

The Memorandum of Agreement is designed to facilitate maximum cooperation between local Departments of Social Services, and local Boards of Education when there are suspicions of child abuse, neglect or dependency. The procedures outlined in the memorandum may serve as a model or be incorporated into existing agreements.

We encourage you to share the attached agreement with your staff and members of your local Boards of Education. It is our hope that this new Memorandum of Agreement will strengthen your community relationships and promote the safety and well-being of North Carolina's children and their families.

Should you have any questions regarding this Memorandum of Agreement please contact the Family Support and Child Welfare Policy Section at (919) 733-4622.

Sincerely,

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

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

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cc: Sherry Bradsher
Jo Ann Lamm
Sarah Barham
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Local Business Liaisons
Work First Representatives

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