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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR PRIVATE ADOPTION AGENCY DIRECTOR**

ATTENTION: Program Managers and Adoption Supervisors

SUBJECT: CONFIDENTIAL INTERMEDIARY SURVEY

The North Carolina General Assembly in Session Law 2007-262; House Bill 445 passed [N.C.G.S. 48-9-104](#) Release of Identifying information effective January 1, 2008. This legislation provides that an adoption agency licensed by the North Carolina Division of Social Services or a North Carolina county department of social services *may* agree to be a Confidential Intermediary (CI) for:

- A. Biological Parent:** by facilitating contact or the sharing of identifying information with adult adoptees or adult lineal descendants of deceased adoptees with the written consent of **the** parties to the contact and the sharing of information.
- B. Adult Adoptee:** by facilitating contact or the sharing of identifying information with biological parents with the written consent of the parties to the contact and the sharing of information.
- C. Adult Lineal Descendant** of deceased adoptee: by facilitating contact or the sharing of identifying information with the biological parent of the deceased adoptee with the written consent of the parties to the contact and the sharing of information. Verification may be made via certified birth certificate, death or marriage certificate.
- D. Adoptive Parent:** by obtaining and sharing current non-identifying birth family health information for a minor adoptee with the written consent of the parties to the contact and the sharing of non-identifying information.

The Division of Social Services is currently writing the policy for Confidential Intermediary services and requests that you notify the Division by March 21, 2008 of whether or not your agency will act as a Confidential Intermediary. Please submit your answers to the following questions to Tamika Williams preferably via email at Tamika.Williams@ncmail.net or secondly by fax at 919.715.0766 or lastly by mail at:

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1. Name of Agency	
2. Will your agency act as a Confidential Intermediary?	
3. If so, will you provide the services to any eligible applicant or only to those to which your agency had involvement in the adoption?	
4. The effective law date was January 1, 2008 and if your agency plans to participate but has a delayed date of implementation, what is your anticipated implementation date?	
5. Who is the Confidential Intermediary contact for your agency? Please give name or position and telephone number.	

Please note that this information will be compiled and placed on the Adoption Services webpage for your use as well as the general public. If your agency is not selecting to be a Confidential Intermediary at this time but decides to do so in the future, you may notify the Division to add your name to the Confidential Intermediary participant list.

Sincerely,



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

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