



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

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### **DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:**

**ATTENTION:** Directors of Social Services

**SUBJECT:** Responding to Families and Communities Impacted by Methamphetamine

The Division is very pleased to announce the schedule for the Drug Endangered Children training entitled *Responding to Families and Communities Impacted by Methamphetamine*.

We are offering 20 training events across the state from April through June, targeted to those county child welfare staff working in investigative assessments, family assessments, in-home services (case planning/case management) and placement. Each training event will have a maximum number of 75 people. Please send as many people as you can from these target groups.

This ambitious schedule will allow us to serve the majority of this target audience by the end of the fiscal year. The events are scheduled geographically throughout the state. We encourage you to register early so that you can get the location(s) closest to you. Please remember that our training system is set up on a first come, first served basis for individual registrants, not on a county by county basis. This means that even though a training event might be located in your county, each individual must register themselves and may not get in to their first choice. Participants in each training event will likely be a mix of staff from various counties close to the training site.

As always, we encourage you to augment this initial training which is an introduction/orientation to methamphetamine and how to utilize the policy that was effective January 1, 2005 with close and continued consultation with your Children's Program Representative. There will be a two-day training offered in the 2005 Summer/Fall Training Calendar and beyond for all Department of Social Services staff and community partners.

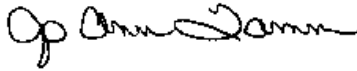
Attached you will find the training description and the schedule through June. The schedule shows the locations, registration open and close dates, and the registrar. You may also access the schedule and register online by visiting [www.ncswtrain.org](http://www.ncswtrain.org). As an alternative, you may print a registration form from our regular paper training calendar or from our training website and fax it to the registrar. To print a registration form from the Division website, go to [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/training](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/training), click on "child welfare" and you will see our registration form.

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If you have any questions about specific courses or registration, please contact the registrar according to the course for which you are registering. Any other questions or comments may be directed to Laura Elmore, Program Coordinator at (919) 733-4319 or by email at [Laura.Elmore@ncmail.net](mailto:Laura.Elmore@ncmail.net).

We are very proud of this training opportunity and hope these events will enhance the professional development of your staff.

Sincerely,



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