



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

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September 15, 2003

Dear County Director of Social Services

**Attention LINKS county liaisons
RE: Annual LINKS county plan**

Attached you will find the outline for your 2003-04 LINKS county plan. The plans are to be prepared in narrative form, following the outline provided, and must reflect your county's design for mandated and optional services to this population in order for you to continue receiving a program allocation. Please submit the completed plan and the signed copy of the Statement of Assurance by Tuesday, September 30, 2003 at 4:30 pm. The new fax number is (919) 715-0766. If you have trouble connecting to that machine, you can use the old numbers, (919) 715-6714 or (919) 733-3052. In order to cut down on paper waste, please remind the staff that they do not need to return the outline with the plan.

The design of the plan this year has changed very little since last year. Each county agency continues to be required to provide LINKS services and resources to eligible youth and young adults ages 16-21 who are still in custody or on CARS agreements, as well as to young adults who aged out of your county's custody. We hope that you will also be able to serve other eligible teens and young adults. You are no longer required to send quarterly reports of services to the Division, as the Federal reporting requirements have changed. However, you will need to maintain information about young adults who aged out of care in order to evaluate the effectiveness of your services and to respond to periodic surveys.

Thank you for your timely response to this letter and for the services you are providing to this group of young people. We are encouraged by the outcomes resulting from your hard work.

Sincerely,

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

JoAnn Lamm, Program Administrator
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

cc: Sherry Bradsher
Children's Programs Representatives
Family Support/Child Welfare Team Leaders

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