



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

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September 17, 2003

## Dear County Director of Social Services (Specified)

Alamance	Alexander	Alleghany	Anson	Ashe
Beaufort	Bertie	Bladen	Brunswick	Buncombe
Burke	Cabarrus	Caldwell	Carteret	Caswell
Catawba	Chatham	Cherokee	Cleveland	Columbus
Craven	Cumberland	Currituck	Dare	Davidson
Davie	Duplin	Durham	Edgecombe	Forsyth
Franklin	Gaston	Granville	Greene	Guilford
Halifax	Harnett	Haywood	Henderson	Hertford
Hoke	Iredell	Jackson	Johnston	Jones
Lee	Lenoir	Lincoln	Macon	Montgomery
Madison	Martin	McDowell	Mecklenburg	Mitchell
Moore	Nash	New Hanover	Northampton	Onslow
Orange	Pamlico	Pasquotank	Pender	Perquimans
Person	Pitt	Polk	Randolph	Richmond
Robeson	Rockingham	Rowan	Rutherford	Sampson
Scotland	Stanly	Stokes	Surry	Transylvania
Union	Vance	Wake	Warren	Washington
Watauga	Wayne	Wilkes	Wilson	Yadkin
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## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Re: Distribution of Funds from the Federal Adoption Incentive Program

**You are the recipients of additional money from the Federal Adoption Incentive Program!** We informed you on December 27, 2001 about your share of the federal incentive that we received for exceeding North Carolina's established baseline for adoptions during federal fiscal years beginning in 1998. At that time you shared in the amount of \$1,425,916 awarded to North Carolina. Our state's share should have been larger, but Congress had not set aside enough money to cover all the adoptions that were finalized by states. At the time of the awards, Congress indicated that additional funds would be appropriated. We are so pleased to inform you that North Carolina has been given an additional amount of **\$1,300,321**.

Since this additional money should have been included in the first allocation, we are treating it as if it were and are giving it to those counties and private agencies who helped North Carolina exceed the baseline during that time period. This includes 91 counties and the four private agencies that have performance based contracts with the Division. The amount of the additional federal grants allows us to distribute \$619.49 per adoption that you finalized during fiscal years 98-99 and 99-00 as verified by the Adoption Information Management System (AIMS). The attached chart contains the amount of grant funds that your agency will receive.

The funds may be used for the promotion and support of adoption services. This would include recruitment, foster/adoption banquets, supplies, contracts, post-adoption services, and any other need that you may have that relates to the promotion of and provision of adoption services. The fund cannot be used to supplant other public funds; therefore, it cannot be used to re-finance existing services or activities. **The funds cannot be used for match for federal dollars.**

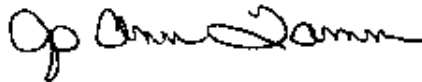
We have tried to simplify the process for the receipt of these funds and to get them to you as soon as possible. Therefore, we will not request reimbursement in the same way that was required for the previous grant. The only requirement is to complete the attached form which includes the description of the use of the fund and the cost of the purchase. We will review your request and if it shows that the funds will be used to enhance adoption, does not supplant existing services, and the figures are correct, your request will be approved. We will contact you if there are questions about your request. **No other reporting is necessary. However, you must keep records for auditing purposes.**

We will submit approved requests for payments to the controller's office at the end of each month. That office will make an electronic transfer to your agency. We anticipate that the transfer will be made within three weeks of the submission to that office. These funds must be expended by June 30, 2004. **In order to assure that the funds are spent, you must submit your request by May 15, 2004.** Funds not awarded to your county by that date will be made available to other counties.

We are very pleased that North Carolina has been awarded these additional funds and hope that you can make good use of this opportunity to improve adoption services. We are very proud of the outstanding work that you have done to provide permanency through adoption for so many children.

If you have any questions about these funds, please call Amelia Lance at 919-733-2580 or Esther High at 919-733-9474.

Sincerely,



JoAnn Lamm, Program Administrator  
Family Support and Child Welfare Services

Attachments

CC: Pheon Beal                      Floyd Bowen  
      Sherry Bradsher            Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders  
      Sarah Barham                Children's Programs Representatives  
      Lakeitha Marley            Local Support Managers

**FSCWS-16-03**

Number of placements for combined federal years 98-99 and 99-00

Total Federal Incentive Dollars \$1,300,321

ALAMANCE	41	25,399
ALEXANDER	1	619
ALLEGHANY	2	1,239
ANSON	10	6,195
ASHE	4	2,478
AVERY	0	-
BEAUFORT	16	9,912
BERTIE	3	1,858
BLADEN	6	3,717
BRUNSWICK	27	16,726
BUNCOMBE	49	30,355
BURKE	18	11,151
CABARRUS	22	13,629
CALDWELL	25	15,487
CAMDEN	0	-
CARTERET	14	8,673
CASWELL	14	8,673
CATAWBA	28	17,346
CHATHAM	23	14,248
CHEROKEE	2	1,239
CHOWAN	0	-
CLAY	0	-
CLEVELAND	31	19,204
COLUMBUS	6	3,717
CRAVEN	12	7,434
CUMBERLAND	57	35,311
CURRITUCK	1	619
DARE	7	4,336
DAVIDSON	33	20,443
DAVIE	8	4,956
DUPLIN	1	619
DURHAM	66	40,886
EDGECOMBE	30	18,585
FORSYTH	64	39,647
FRANKLIN	10	6,195
GASTON	28	17,346
GATES	0	-
GRAHAM	0	-
GRANVILLE	6	3,717
GREENE	2	1,239
GUILFORD	119	73,719
HALIFAX	15	9,292
HARNETT	29	17,965
HAYWOOD	11	6,814
HENDERSON	30	18,585
HERTFORD	1	619
HOKE	7	4,336
HYDE	0	-
IREDELL	5	3,097
JACKSON	8	4,956
JOHNSTON	48	29,736

JONES	6	3,717
LEE	9	5,575
LENOIR	16	9,912
LINCOLN	10	6,195
MACON	4	2,478
MADISON	2	1,239
MARTIN	1	619
MCDOWELL	7	4,336
MECKLENBURG	160	99,118
MITCHELL	4	2,478
MONTGOMERY	1	619
MOORE	25	15,487
NASH	21	13,009
NEW HANOVER	48	29,736
NORTHAMPTON	4	2,478
ONslow	23	14,248
ORANGE	37	22,921
PAMLICO	4	2,478
PASQUOTANK	3	1,858
PENDER	7	4,336
PERQUIMANS	3	1,858
PERSON	4	2,478
PITT	41	25,399
POLK	2	1,239
RANDOLPH	15	9,292
RICHMOND	18	11,151
ROBESON	27	16,726
ROCKINGHAM	16	9,912
ROWAN	45	27,877
RUTHERFORD	30	18,585
SAMPSON	16	9,912
SCOTLAND	8	4,956
STANLEY	5	3,097
STOKES	10	6,195
SURRY	32	19,824
SWAIN	0	-
TRANSYLVANIA	13	8,053
TYRRELL	0	-
UNION	9	5,575
VANCE	18	11,151
WAKE	139	86,109
WARREN	6	3,717
WASHINGTON	8	4,956
WATAUGA	5	3,097
WAYNE	23	14,248
WILKES	21	13,009
WILSON	28	17,346
YADKIN	10	6,195
YANCEY	6	3,717
CHS	114	70,622
Another Choice	54	33,452
Adoption Plus	29	17,965
Methodist Home 99/00	12	7,434
	<u>2,099</u>	1,300,310

