



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

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March 20, 2006

Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: LINKS County Liaisons

RE: Annual LINKS County Plan

Attached you will find the outline for your 2006-07 LINKS county plan. Plans are to be prepared in narrative form and should 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 Friday, May 26, 2006 at 5:00 pm.** The fax number is (919) 715-0766. Please remind the staff that they do *not* need to return the outline with the plan.

Each county agency is 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. While you are no longer required to send quarterly reports of services to the Division, you will need to maintain information on outcomes of your services, particularly on young adults who aged out of care.

The state survey of county program services and outcomes for the Federal Fiscal Year 2004-2005 was analyzed and has been distributed electronically to the LINKS liaisons. The design of the plan this year has changed very little since last year, but does now include a section for counties to analyze their own data and to describe plans to improve outcomes.

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, and anticipate continued improvement.

Sincerely,

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

JoAnn Lamm, Chief
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cc: Pheon Beal
Sherry Bradsher
Family Support and Child Welfare Team Leaders
Children's Programs Representatives
Work First Representatives
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