

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

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June 1, 2005

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

**ATTENTION: Work First Program Managers and Supervisors
Children's Services Managers and Supervisors**

SUBJECT: 2005/2006 Plans for use of TANF/DV funds

It is time to develop a plan with your local domestic violence agency for use of the TANF/DV funds for 2005/2006. The allocation amount for 2005/2006 is not known at this time; however, we do anticipate funding. **The plan for your county, signed by the domestic violence program director or the director's designee and the county social services director or director's designee must be received in this office by June 17, 2005.** The plans will be reviewed by the Division and by a representative from the NC Council for Women. You and your local domestic violence agency will be notified once the plan is approved. It is recommended that you review the plan that was developed last year with your local domestic violence agency and amend as needed.

Please report any noteworthy cases that involved clients and children who were able to achieve independence and safety with the assistance of TANF/DV funds in a letter sent to Susan S. King (address below). Do not use any identifying information on your clients. These case stories will be reported back to our legislators so that the impact of the funding is documented.

The TANF/DV funds are to provide direct services to victims/survivors of domestic violence that include but are not limited to counseling, relocation expenses, education or job training, attorney fees, shelter, housing, transportation, and many costs associated with safety for the family. You can be innovative as to what your clients need. Be sure to include in your plan that eligibility is based on either one of two criteria:

- 1) a parent with child(ren) who is Work First eligible; or
- 2) a parent with child(ren) who meets 200% or less of the federal poverty guideline.

Immigrant families who have at least one member meeting the age, kinship, citizenship, and living with rules are also eligible for services. Remember that these funds cannot be used for domestic violence staff time if that time is already covered by another grant. Shelter costs can only be charged if these shelter costs are not already paid for by another grant.

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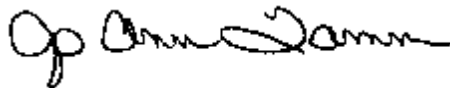
Please note a new requirement introduced this year requires each county to include a paragraph that explains how CPS and the local Domestic Violence agency work together, collaborate, and refer child abuse, neglect and dependency cases that also involve domestic violence.

Plans should be sent to Susan S. King by June 17, 2005:

Susan S. King
Family Support & Child Welfare
2410 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2410

Please contact Susan at 919-733-2279 or via email at susan.s.king@ncmail.net if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for the important work you do every day by providing services to victims of domestic violence.

Sincerely,

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

Jo Ann Lamm, Section Chief
Family Support & Child Welfare Services

Cc: Pheon Beal
Sherry Bradsher
Work First Program Representatives
Children Services Program Representatives
Family Support and Child Welfare Team Leaders
Local Business Liaisons

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