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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Placement/Foster Care/Adoption Managers and Supervisors

SUBJECT: Foster Care/Adoption Awareness Day General Assembly - May 16, 2006

The North Carolina Division of Social Services is pleased to announce a partnership with other child advocates to participate in a day of foster care and adoption awareness at the North Carolina General Assembly on May 16, 2006. The event will feature exhibits on foster care and adoption in North Carolina and conclude with panel discussions from 3:00-5:00pm. This is an opportunity for us to speak of our successes and challenges. The steering committee comprised of statewide and local agencies is requesting county departments of social services to attend and support the day of awareness by identifying adoptive parents and adopted children who may like to participate in the panel discussion. Panelists will speak approximately 3-5 minutes about their foster/adoption experiences, placing emphasis on positive child welfare outcomes and practices within the system as well as challenges. Private agencies will also be represented. Should you have any adoptive parents or adopted children who may like to participate by highlighting their experience, please contact Tamika Williams at Tamika.Williams@ncmail.net or 919-733-2580 by April 12, 2006.

We appreciate your willingness in advance to assist with this important event to inform and educate our legislators and advocates.

Sincerely,

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

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

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