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June 9, 2005

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES:

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW REPORT AND THE NEW BIENNIUM

The Division will begin a new Biennium for the Child and Family Services Reviews effective July 1, 2005. At this time, North Carolina's review instrument, instructions and protocol will remain unchanged. Notification of any changes to the Federal Child and Family Services Review instrument or protocol will not come until later this summer, after the beginning date of our next Biennium. The Administration for Children and Youth, ACF, has stated that if there are any changes to the instrument or protocol, it will occur late summer. Therefore, any changes in North Carolina's instrument and or protocol will come at that time. There has been one minor change made to the Child and Family Services Review Report, however, that we would like to bring to your attention.

The only change in the Child and Family Services Review Report is to Table 1, Data on Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect. Duplicated numbers of children were used in this table previously with data covering a five year period. The table has been revised and is now entitled "Unduplicated Data on Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect". Unduplicated numbers of children count children only once, even though the same child may have been reported and had a disposition more than once during the year. There is only one year of data available in the table, which is SFY 2003-2004. This table contains unduplicated data from the Central Registry on reports of abuse and neglect and their dispositions. The data in this table includes the 10 pilot Multiple Response System (MRS) counties and the 42 MRS expansion Counties. Data will be added to the table for each successive year.

The disposition of a report depends on the type of Assessment that is conducted, and that is also reflected in Table 1, Data on Reports of Child Abuse and Neglect. Multiple Response System (MRS) counties use both the Investigative Assessment and the Family Assessment. The disposition of a report assigned as a Family Assessment in MRS counties can be one of the following: services needed, services recommended, or services not recommended. When a report is assigned as an Investigative Assessment in MRS counties, the disposition will either be substantiated or unsubstantiated. For counties that are not MRS, reports are assigned as Investigative Assessments only, which means the disposition will be substantiated or unsubstantiated.

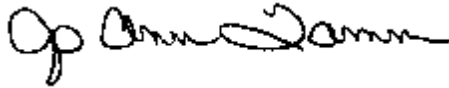
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In the past, the Child and Family Reviews have provided assistance to your agency and your community to assess your child welfare program. If you have questions regarding this change in the Child and Family Services Reviews, please contact Beverly Daniel at (919) 733-9461.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jo Ann Lamm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jo" being particularly prominent.

Jo Ann Lamm, Section Chief
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