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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**SUBJECT: 2007 MRS LEARNING INSTITUTE – SAVE THE DATE**

The Division is honored to invite you and your Family Support and Child Welfare staff to its 2007 MRS Learning Institute, *Partnerships Taking Flight*. The purpose of the MRS Learning Institute is to promote the principles and strategies of MRS through training and learning support for DSS staff and community partners. The MRS Institute is an extension of the training programs and technical assistance activities the Division provides to the 100 county Departments of Social Services and multiple community partners.

The Institute will begin on Monday, August 27, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. with an opening luncheon and end at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29, 2007. It will be held at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel located at 31 Woodfin Street Asheville, NC 28801. We anticipate being able to accommodate 300 staff from county Departments of Social Services. Attached you will find a 'save the date' flyer to circulate in your organization. You will receive additional details concerning this event and lodging in the near future.

Any questions regarding the MRS Institute should be directed to Ms. Teresa Turner, Staff Development Team Program Administrator or Mr. Patrick Betancourt, MRS Program Coordinator. Teresa can be reached via e-mail at [teresa.turner@ncmail.net](mailto:teresa.turner@ncmail.net) or via telephone at 919-733-7674. Patrick can be reached at 919-733-4622 or [patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net](mailto:patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net).

Thank you for your commitment to the safety, permanence, and well-being of North Carolina's children and families. We are delighted to be working with you to better serve the children and families across North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther T. High".

Esther T. High, Acting Chief  
Family Support and Child Welfare Services

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