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Subject: MRS Kick Off Celebration Announcement

The Division is honored to invite you, your staff, and community partners to its MRS Expansion Kick-Off Celebration. We want to use this as an opportunity to recognize the leadership of the 10 2002 pilot counties throughout the past year, and welcome the 41 2003 expansion counties into the MRS demonstration project. This will be an exciting year of change for us all and we can think of no better way to “kick it off” than by bringing all the agencies and partners together for a day of celebration, learning, and networking.

The Kick-Off will be held on Friday, November 7th, 2003 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. It is connected to the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons. It is located at 3121 High Point Road Greensboro, NC 27407. The telephone number is (336) 292-9161. We have tried to schedule it so that overnight stay would be minimized. Reservations may be made at (800) 242-6556 if you desire to spend the night.

We will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a welcome from the Division and proceed until about 3:00 p.m.. The agenda will include discussions from each of the 2002 pilot counties concerning vital components of MRS to be used in your planning and implementation of MRS. They will discuss the 7 strategies and how they have organized staff to manage system reform while continuing the vital work of ensuring the safety of children. We will be providing everyone with an update on

what to anticipate in the upcoming months, and allowing time for everyone present to meet their “buddy counties” and establish relationships with them.

Any questions concerning the Kick Off, or any other aspect of MRS should be directed to Tony Troop, MRS policy consultant. He may be contacted by telephone at (919) 733-4624 or by e-mail. His e-mail address is Tony.Troop@ncmail.net.

Thank you for your commitment and willingness to participate in the MRS. We are delighted to begin our work with you to better serve the children and families in North Carolina.

I look forward to meeting with you in person on November 7th in Greensboro to begin to build our partnership in MRS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn Lamm". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "L".

JoAnn Lamm, Program Administrator
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