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Dear County Directors of Social Services

**Attention: Child Welfare and Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors
Community and Family Partners**

Subject: Multiple Response System Learning Institute Registration Brochure

We are pleased to announce the Fourth Annual Multiple Response Learning Institute, a learning event filled with information for serving families and strengthening practice. This year's theme is ***Working in Harmony: Families, Communities and Social Services*** and will be held at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, NC, August 18 to 20. The Institute offers workshop topics that will interest a wide variety of Social Services professionals, as well as many of our community and family partners, who are so essential to our success in working with families. Throughout the Institute, you will hear from families, youth, community partners, social workers, and other professionals.

The Institute brochure is attached and outlines the schedule along with descriptions of the workshops. The deadline for registration is July 25, 2008. This year we are offering the **"Three-Guarantee."** This means the Division can assure that all 100 county Departments of Social Services have the opportunity to send at least three people to the 2008 MRS Learning Institute. Each county should identify three individuals for the county's guaranteed slots. These individuals will submit their Institute registration information on the Three-Guarantee Form at the end of the brochure. The Three-Guarantee Form must be received by July 25, 2008 or these three slots shall be granted to other counties wishing to send more than just three individuals. The three individuals identified for the "Three-Guarantee" may immediately make their hotel reservation. **But don't stop at three!** We anticipate that there will be some slots available above the three guaranteed slots. For additional registrations beyond your three, use the Individual Registration form for others who would like to attend. The deadline for these additional slots are also due by July 25, 2008. We will confirm which of those registrations are accepted after the 25th based on availability and fair access to all counties. Please feel free to invite your community partners to join you for this learning opportunity.

Registrants should select a first and second choice for each session on the registration forms. We will always try to honor first choices, but may have to make adjustments due to available space.

Should you have any questions regarding registration for the 2008 MRS Learning Institute, contact Teresa Turner, Staff Development Team Program Administrator at teresa.turner@ncmail.net or 919-334-1172 or Patrick Betancourt, MRS Program Coordinator at patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net or 919-334-1104.

We look forward to providing you with an exciting and memorable learning experience, where we can all learn from each other. Thank you for all you do in keeping children safe in North Carolina.

Sincerely,



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2008 MRS Learning Institute Registration Brochure

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