



## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor  
Carmen Hooker Odom, Secretary

Sherry S. Bradsher, Director  
(919) 733-3055

June 1, 2007

### Dear County Directors of Social Services

#### **SUBJECT: 2007/2008 Plans for use of TANF-DV funds**

It is time to develop a Plan with your local domestic violence agency for use of the TANF-DV funds for 2007/2008. At this time we do not know the allocation amount; however, we do anticipate some amount of funding. **The Plan for your county, signed by the Director or the director's designee for both the county department of social services and the domestic violence program must be received by June 27, 2007.** The plans will be reviewed by the Division and by a representative from the NC Council for Women. The local department of social services and local domestic violence agency will be notified once the Plan is approved. It is recommended that you review the plan with your local domestic violence agency to amend your plan as needed. You will receive notification from the controller's office of your exact allocation as soon as possible after June 30, 2007.

The purpose of the TANF-DV funds is to provide direct services to victims and survivors of domestic violence. Some of the services may include relocation expenses, rent/mortgage payments, deposits, transportation, etc. Counties are encouraged to be innovative in determining how to meet the needs of the clients. Remember, these funds may not be used for domestic violence agency staff time if that time is already covered by another grant. Shelter costs may only be charged if the cost of shelter is not already paid for by another grant.

A Sample Plan and Guidelines are attached. The Plan should state the services that will be provided and the manner in which the services will be delivered. Please reference the Sample Plan and use it as a template or guide as to what information should be included in the county plan.

Empirical data and experiential work has confirmed that frequently in reports of domestic violence, there is a co-occurrence of child abuse. As child welfare agencies charged with the protection of children, recognition of the correlation is only a starting point. It is important that we partner with the local domestic violence agencies in recognizing the dynamics of domestic violence and the interplay with child abuse to better protect children and non-offending parents. Together we are better able to meet our mandate of protecting children, while ensuring positive outcomes for the safety of the non-offending parent and children in the family. The Division recognizes that to ensure the safety of the non-offending parent often ensures the safety of the child. Interventions are strengthened by the collaborative efforts of the Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Programs. The collaborative relationship that begins with the development of the TANF-DV Plan should be strengthened with the development of referral procedures and protocols that facilitate positive interventions.

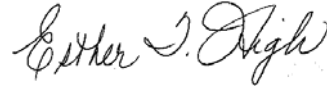
Please submit **two copies (one original and one copy)** of your 2007/2008 Plan by **June 27, 2007** to:

Family Support and Child Welfare Services  
ATTN: Susan S. King  
MSC 2410  
Raleigh, NC 27699-2410

There is an ongoing concern about counties who historically under spend. While a late term reallocation effort was put in place in an attempt to minimize massive under spending, the TANF-DV Program Consultant, in addition to the Work First and Child Welfare consultants, will continue to provide technical assistance throughout the year to support under spending counties.

Any questions regarding instructions issued in this letter should be directed to Susan S. King at (919) 733-2279 or your Work First Representative or Children's Program Representative.

Sincerely,



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

Attachments

CC: Sherry Bradsher  
Children's Program Representatives  
Work First Representatives  
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders  
Local Domestic Violence agencies  
Local Business Liaisons

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