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November 14, 2005

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Directors, Work First and Child Welfare Program Administrators, Program Managers, Supervisors and Social Workers

Re: Multiple Response System Policy Training

We are very pleased to announce "Multiple Response System Policy Training." This one day training is designed to support and assist you as your agency begins to implement the 7 strategies of MRS. It is required for any social workers, or supervisors who will be either conducting Family Assessments or supervising those who will conduct them. It must be taken before a social worker can be assigned Family Assessments. It will focus completely on the policy for the Multiple Response System, and include discussion on implementing this policy utilizing the 6 family centered principles of partnership.

You may remember that you received information concerning these dates via an e-mail message from Holly McNeill last week. This correspondence is to follow up with the same information.

Counties who have not yet implemented MRS are strongly encouraged to send any social workers or supervisors who will be involved in completing Family Assessments to this training. We encourage you to also send others from your staff who will be involved in implementing the 7 strategies of MRS. This may include those providing Work First, CPS Intake, CPS In-Home Case Planning / Case Management, and Foster Care services.

This is a one day event, beginning at 9 AM and ending at 4 PM. It will be held in 20 sites around the state, and registration will be on site. **Please e-mail Holly McNeill with the approximate number of staff you plan to send to each session so that appropriate materials will be available. Specific directions to the training sites will be available when you respond with your expected number of attendees.** Attached to this letter you will find a reference document entitled "MRS Training at a Glance." This document briefly describes all MRS-related training. More detailed information can be found in the Division's 2005 Summer/Fall Training Calendar which you already have in hard copy form, and which can be found on the Division's website.

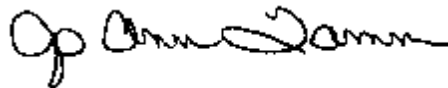
Please note that along with this training, Cornerstone IIIA: Partners in Change is required prior to beginning Family Assessments.

Dates of Training	Location	Target Counties	Address
12/14	Kimbrell Lutheran Church, Cabarrus Co.	Cabarrus, Stanly, Rowan	
12/16	Cumberland Co. DSS	Cumberland, Hoke	1225 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC
12/5	Forsyth Co. Public Health	Forsyth	799 N. Highland Ave Winston-Salem, NC
12/12	J.W. Faison Auditorium, Jackson, NC	Northampton, Hertford, Chowan, Perquimans	9495 NC 305 N Jackson, NC
12/2	College of the Albemarle, Dare Campus	Dare, Hyde, Tyrell	427 Russell Twiford Rd. Manteo, NC
11/18	O. P. Owens Ag Center	Robeson, Columbus	455 Caton Rd. Lumberton, NC Just behind DSS
12/8	Leath Memorial Library Rockingham, NC	Richmond, Anson, Montgomery, Randolph	412 E. Franklin St. Rockingham, NC
11/17	Gastonia City PD Communtiy Room	Gaston	200 E. Long Ave Gastonia, NC
11/15	Rockingham Comm. College	Rockingham, Stokes	Hwy 65 Wentworth, NC
11/16	Greene County Complex Bldg	Greene, Lenoir	227 Kingold Blvd Snow Hill, NC Multi-purpose room
11/16	Surry Co. Community College	Surry, Wilkes, Alleghany, Yadkin	630 S. Main St. Dobson, NC Room A-121
11/17	Washington Co. DSS	Washington, Beaufort, Bertie	209 E. Main St. Plymouth, NC
12/1	Carteret Co. DSS	Carteret	210 Craven St. Beaufort, NC DSS Activity Room
12/7	Mayland Community College	Avery, Mitchell	200 Mayland Dr. Spruce Pine, NC Sam Phillips Bldg. Auditorium
12/8	New River Shopping Center	Onslow, Pender, Jones	1245 Hargett St. Jacksonville, NC
12/9	Pitt Co. Agricultural Extension	Pitt, Edgecombe	403 Government Circle Greenville, NC Auditorium

12/13	A-B Tech, Marshall Campus	Madison	4646 US Hwy 25-70 Marshall, NC
12/12	Burke Co. Complex	McDowell, Burke, Rutherford	700 E Parker Rd Morganton, NC Same building as DSS, multipurpose room, go in Education Center Door
11/18	Sampson Co	Sampson, Wayne	435 Rowan Rd, Clinton, NC
12/6	Oxford Police Department	Vance, Granville	204 E. McClanahan St. Oxford, NC Next door to DSS

We look forward to your attendance and participation in this training. This is a most exciting, yet challenging time in child welfare and work first services as we all strive to learn new skills to enhance our work with families, social work staff and the community. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Holly McNeill, Policy Consultant for Family Support and Child Welfare at (828) 757-5672 or Holly.McNeill@ncmail.net.

Sincerely,



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Local Business Liaisons
Work First Program and Children's Program Representatives
Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders

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