



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

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Courier # 56-20-25

Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor
Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary

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January 31, 2012

**Re: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)
Employment and Training (E&T)
Program**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

The Food and Nutrition Services Employment and Training Program became a volunteer program for recipients effective July 2009. USDA mandates that states have an E&T Program but provides flexibility in how states operate their program. We believe the E&T Program can benefit the citizens of your county by helping them both find employment and become more employable.

The Employment Security Commission and the Division of Work Force Development have combined forces and are now known as The Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) under the administration of the NC Department of Commerce. The agency will provide better and more efficient services to citizens within the state that are unemployed. They have a genuine commitment to working with the citizens of NC to become employed and to provide better skills that make them ready for the job market. As we prepare for a new contract that will be effective July 1, 2012, we ask that your county consider being a part of this partnership with DWS in providing Employment and Training services to the citizens of your county.

Please provide a response to David Locklear at David.Locklear@dhhs.nc.gov if your county is interested in participating in the E&T Program by Tuesday, February 7, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact David at (919) 334-1227 or vial email. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean Simpson".

Dean Simpson, Chief
Economic and Family Services

Attachment

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