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**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 continues to be a volunteer program for recipients receiving FNS. 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 Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS), under the administration of the NC Department of Commerce, continues to provide efficient services to citizens within the State who are unemployed. They have a genuine commitment of 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, 2014, we need to know if your county is interested in being a part of this partnership with DWS in providing Employment and Training services to the citizens of your county. If your county is currently participating in the E&T Program, we need to know if you plan to continue being an E&T County. At this time, counties participating in the program are responsible for providing transportation reimbursements to recipients who participate.

Please provide a response to Kathy Evans at [Kathy.Evans@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kathy.Evans@dhhs.nc.gov) if your county is interested in participating or you plan to continue participation in the E&T Program by **Friday, March 7, 2014**. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy at (919) 527-6318 or via e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Locklear".

David Locklear, Acting Chief  
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