

May 03, 2016

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

Re: Loss of ABAWD Waiver in Exempt Counties

Effective July 1, 2016, the remaining 77 counties will no longer be eligible for the ABAWD waiver. Those counties are Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Burke, Caldwell, Camden, Carteret, Caswell, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Hyde, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Macon, Madison, Martin, McDowell, Mitchell, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Person, Pitt, Polk, Richmond, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson and Yancey.

An initial report will be posted in NC FAST Help that will identify the potential ABAWDs in each of the 77 counties on May 3, 2016.

The report list all active individuals that meet the following conditions regardless of their current exemption status:

- Individuals between the ages of 18 and 49
- FNS household that does not contain a minor child

Counties must review the list of potential ABAWDs and

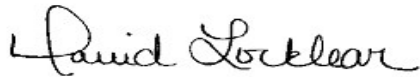
- Update all evidence including but not limited to working hours, pregnancy, disability and student status;
- Ensure required individuals are correctly work registered.

These cases must be reviewed no later than June 30, 2016 in order for NC FAST to identify and track the ABAWDs correctly for the 77 counties.

Note: ABAWD requirements will not be activated in the 77 non-ABAWD counties until the night of June 30, 2016. Workers in the 77 counties will not see an ABAWD determination in the system until this update is completed.

If you have any questions, please contact the Operational Support Team via email at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

David Locklear, Chief
Economic and Family Services