



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

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**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

**Subject: North Carolina Work First Demonstration Grant, *Best Practices Models Reference Guide***

The Division is pleased to announce the completion of the North Carolina Work First Demonstration Grant, ***Best Practices Models Reference Guide*** dated October 2009. This document was developed by the Best Practice Work Group consisting of 11 State committee members and 20 Department of Social Services county committee members.

The reference guide is now posted on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Social Services website at the following location:

<http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/publications/index.htm>

The reference guide will provide you with information on promising Work First models that were demonstrated by counties. These models showed a positive impact on the Work First Participation Rates and may be beneficial to your agency as you identify models to increase the Work Participation Rates in your county.

If you have questions regarding this reference guide, please contact the Work First Program Consultant that is assigned to your county.

Sincerely,

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

Dean Simpson, Chief  
Economic and Family Services

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