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Division of Social Services

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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors

Subject: Benefit Diversion Survey

The North Carolina Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan allows county departments of social services (DSS) to offer Benefit Diversion (BD) to Work First applicants as a county option. County DSS agencies may amend their decision to offer BD or not offer BD each SFY by providing written notification to the Division. As a result, the Division of Social Services is requesting each county to complete the attached survey regarding the county's decision to offer or not to offer Benefit Diversion for State Fiscal Year 2014-2015. This is to ensure that all applicants are provided equal opportunity to receive benefits or services under the Work First program. Benefit Diversion will continue to be monitored by the Division and will result in a monitoring finding and potential County Responsible Overpayment (CROP) if provided differently than reported on the survey.

All counties are asked to complete and submit the attached survey by **June 20, 2014**. If your county does not complete and return the survey by the deadline above, it will be documented that your county **will** offer Benefit Diversion. If you have any questions, please contact WorkFirst.Support@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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

David Locklear, Acting Chief
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Attachment

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