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**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

**Subject: Work First Demonstration Grant Study**

The Division is pleased to announce the completion of the Work First Demonstration Grant Study for the period of July 2007 through May 2008. This study was conducted by the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Social Work. Dean F. Duncan was the principal investigator and was assisted by investigators Elizabeth C. Weigensberg, Jennie Vaughn, and Ally Donlan.

This report is now posted on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services/Division of Social Services website and on the UNC School of Social Work website at the following locations:

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

<http://ssw.unc.edu/workfirst/reports/WorkFirstGrantStudy.pdf>

This report will provide you with information on promising Work First strategies that are presently being demonstrated by counties. These strategies are showing a positive impact on the Work Participation Rate and may be beneficial to your agency as you identify strategies to increase the Work Participation Rate in your county. UNC will continue to study the Work First Demonstration Grants and may contact your county for information about your Work First Program. Please look for upcoming information as studies are ongoing in this State Fiscal Year.

If you have questions regarding this report, please contact the Work First Demonstration Grant Consultant or the Work First Representative 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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cc: Sherry Bradsher  
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