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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Work First Program Administrators, Work First Employment Services Supervisors and Staff

Subject: Head Start and Work First Collaboration-Request for Proposal

The NC Division of Social Services in partnership with the NC Head Start-State Collaboration Office announces the availability of funds to support the **Head Start – Work First Program Collaborations Innovation & Sustainability Grants Project**. Teams consisting of a county DSS Work First program and the local Head Start program are invited to partner to submit a joint application outlining their plans to develop a well-coordinated system of seamless services for children and families. The Request for Proposal (RFP) may be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.earlylearning.nc.gov/PreKindergarten/HeadStart/hsCurrentInitiatives.asp>

The response deadline for submitting proposals is Friday, January 24, 2014.

Please also be advised that an Applicants' Web-conference will be convened on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 2:45 pm, to clarify the requirements of this funding opportunity. (See page 10 of the RFP for additional details). Registration details for the web-conference may also be accessed at the website noted above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact workfirst.support@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear".

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