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August 23, 2001

**Re: North Carolina Workforce Development
Partnership Conference: Making Connections
October 24-26, 2001**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Supervisors and Program Administrators

Please find attached a copy of the brochure/preliminary agenda and registration and lodging information for the upcoming Workforce Development Partnership Conference to be held October 24-26, 2001 at the Joseph S. Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. As always, we want to encourage local department of social services staff attendance at this conference. We think you will agree that this year's conference has an exciting agenda inclusive of a large number of workshop choices that are very relevant to the services we provide. The objectives for this year's conference include connecting workforce development with economic development, connecting all partners and resources, and connecting with a broader customer base, including improved business community involvement.

The conference will include a new feature this year, an opportunity to participate in small group discussions around one of approximately forty topics of interest during a provided lunch on Thursday, October 25. Another highlight of the conference is the presentation of the annual Governor's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development at a banquet on Thursday evening.

We hope that you will be able to send staff from your agency to the Workforce Development Partnership Conference this year. This conference provides a valuable learning and networking opportunity for all staff who are involved in workforce development activities for the customers we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbert R. Morris".

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief
Economic Independence Section

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