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June 11, 2003

Re: Advance Child Tax Credit Payments

Dear County Director of Social Services:

**Attention: Program Integrity Supervisors
Food Stamp Supervisors**

As part of the tax relief package signed into law by the federal government, some households will be eligible for Advance Child Tax Credit Payments. These payments will be issued by the **last two digits** of the primary taxpayer's social security number (SSN). They will be issued according to the following schedule:

<u>SSN#</u>	<u>Mail Date</u>
00-33	July 25
34-66	August 1
67-99	August 8

These advance payments will be eligible for offset through the Treasury Offset Program. Anyone eligible for the payment and currently having a delinquent, certified food stamp claim of \$25 or greater will be offset. The United States Department of Agriculture has notified us that the Treasury Department will begin the matching against certified debtors on July 11, 2003.

Please be advised that you will receive phone inquiries regarding these offsets. Refer to Food Stamp Certification Manual Section 850, Treasury Offset Program (TOP), for policy regarding this collection program.

Please contact Donna Smith at (919) 733-3760 if you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Marshall, Chief
Food Assistance and Energy Programs

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