



# North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor  
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May 15, 2006

**RE:** Disaster Food Stamp Training

## **Dear County Director of Social Services:**

In the event of a hurricane, tornado or other event that affects our citizens, operation of a successful Disaster Food Stamp Program is dependent upon adequate planning and preparation at both the state and local levels. Hurricane season officially begins June 1, 2006. Forecasters foresee another very active Atlantic basin tropical cyclone season in 2006. It's not too early to review your local plan and coordinate with other agencies to assure your readiness when and if a disaster affects your community.

Disaster Food Stamp planning meetings will be conducted in early June to help you prepare for a disaster situation. Topics for the meeting will include a review of policy and procedures, automation and logistical planning considerations. You may wish to review and bring to the meeting your Disaster Food Stamp Manual published in April 2002. The Disaster Food Stamp Manual is also located online at [www.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals](http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals) in the Economic Services subdirectory.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

**Tuesday, June 6, 2006**  
**Pitt Community College, Leslie Building Room 143**  
**1986 Pitt Tech Road,**  
**Winterville, N.C. 28590 (252) 321-4200**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**  
**Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Richard L. Brownell Building, Room 251**  
**1333 Jake Alexander Blvd. South**  
**Salisbury, NC 28146 (704) 637-0760**

Each meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end by 3:00 p.m. Directions to the meeting sites are included with this letter. The above dates and locations are confirmed for the Disaster Food Stamp Training. Please disregard the dates and locations recently published in the Spring 2006 Issue of the Quality Counts Newsletter.

We strongly encourage your county's participation as we plan for the hurricane season. If you have any questions, please contact David Locklear at 919-733-7831. Please send an email to [Economic.Services.Reports@ncmail.net](mailto:Economic.Services.Reports@ncmail.net) with Disaster Training in the subject line. Include in the email the number of individuals and date attending from your county by Friday, May 26, 2006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Schwartz".

Jane Schwartz, Chief  
Economic Services Section

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