



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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor
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April 6, 2005

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. Predictions for the 2005 Hurricane season indicate a slightly above average year, with eleven named storms in the forecast.

Disaster Food Stamp planning meetings will be conducted in early May 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. We also will reflect on the most recent disasters and hear from counties that participated in the delivery of disaster benefits as a result of these disasters. We would like for counties that administered the Disaster Food Stamp Program in recent disasters to share some best practices which your counties used during the disaster. 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 in the Economic Services subdirectory.

Meetings will be held in the following locations:

Tuesday, May 17, 2005
Pitt Community College, Leslie Building Room 143
1986 Pitt Tech Road,
Winterville, N.C. (252) 321-4200

Friday, May 20, 2005
Mitchell Community College, Continuing Education Center Auditorium
701 W. Front St.
Statesville, N.C. (704) 878-3220

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.

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 respond with the number attending from your county by Friday, May 13, 2005.

Sincerely,

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

Jane Schwartz, Chief
Economic Services Section

Attachment
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