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Dear County Directors of Social Services

RE: Multiple Response System for Child Protective Services

We are pleased to inform you that the Division has selected the five counties to participate in the planning process for demonstrating the feasibility of a multiple response system to reports of child abuse and neglect. The Division is pursuing this demonstration with a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission. While, a number of counties expressed an interest, the Division was limited to choosing five counties. After much consideration of the county statements of interest, geographic diversity, size diversity, and evidence of community-based support, the counties chosen as to participate in the planning process are as follows:

Bladen

Cabarrus

Caldwell

Guilford

Onslow

While these counties will have priority consideration for implementing the demonstration following the initial planning period, other counties may be allowed to participate if funding allows. For counties not selected to participate in the planning process but expressed an interest in doing so, the Division will keep you informed as to status of the process and potential expansion of counties to be included in the implementation.

If you have questions regarding our Multiple Response System pilots, call Joanne Scharer, Multiple Response Coordinator at 919-932-3772, email address Jscharer@earthlink.net

Sincerely.

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