Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Adult Services Social Workers and Supervisors

Subject: Geriatric Mental Health Training

As part of the Division's contract with the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES), we are co-sponsoring a four-day curriculum for adult services social workers and supervisors on working with older adults with mental disorders and with their families. The curriculum is designed to provide social workers and supervisors with practice skills, information, and resources for working with these older adults and their families.

The training will be conducted on December 2-3 and December 10-11, 2002 at the Mountain AHEC in Asheville; and February 25-26 and March 4-5, 2003 at the Eastern AHEC in Greenville. The registration fee for this four-day training is $50.00. The **deadline for registration is (ten) working days before the first day of the event.** Enrollment is limited to 45 people. Registration will be handled on a first come first serve basis, so your staff are encouraged to register as soon as possible for the training. You must register for these events through the AHECs. For information concerning the training in Asheville, you may contact Bill Barthel at (828) 257-4482. Kelly Dickens at (252) 816-5209 is the contact for the Greenville training.

Registration information for the training is attached and is also available through the CARES website: [http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm](http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm). If you or your staff need additional information, you are welcome to call Suzanne Merrill in the Adult Services Branch at (919) 733-3818, your Adult Programs Representative, or Jane Armstrong at CARES (919) 962-6419.

Sincerely,

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Adult and Family Services Section

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