September 11, 2001

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Adult Services Social Workers and Supervisors

Subject: An Introduction to Aging: Knowledge and Skills for Working With Older Adults and Their Families

I am pleased to inform you that An Introduction to Aging: Knowledge and Skills for Working with Older Adults and Their Families, will be conducted October 25-26, 2001 at the Ben Craig Center in Charlotte; December 10-11, 2001 at the Wake County Human Services in Raleigh; February 5-6, 2002 at the New Hanover County Department of Social Services in Wilmington; and April 22-23, 2002 at the Ramada Plaza in Asheville. The curriculum was developed as part of the Division's contract with the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES). Co-sponsors of this workshop are the Division of Social Services and the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES), part of the Jordan Institute for Families at UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work.

The curriculum is a two-day foundation course designed to provide basic information and skills needed to work effectively with older adults and their families. The training is divided into four modules: Aging Processes, Group and Individual Differences, Change and Losses, and Practice Challenges.

Registration information for the training is enclosed and is also available through the CARES website: http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm The fee for this two-day training is $40.00. The registration deadline is (ten) working days before the first day of the event. Enrollment is limited to 40 people. Early registration is encouraged. If you have questions about registering for this workshop, please contact Libby Phillips at CARES, (919-962-0650) or Robin Gault-Winton at CARES, (919-843-7582). For general questions about adult services training, please contact Suzanne Merrill in the Adult Services Branch (919-733-3818) or your Adult Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

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Adult and Family Services Section

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