February 6, 2002

Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Community Child Protection Team Chairpersons, Members & Child Welfare Supervisors

Subject: Partnering to Protect Children, 23nd Annual Prevent Child Abuse Conference

The North Carolina Division of Social Services is pleased to provide you with registration material for the 23rd Annual Statewide Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina in partnership with the North Carolina Division of Social Services. The Conference will be at the Koury Convention/Sheraton Four Seasons in Greensboro, NC. The dates of the Conference are April 7-9, 2002. Registration fees range from $75.00 to $200.00. Please refer to the conference brochure for a schedule of fees. The Division will not sponsor any conference participants.

This conference is a training opportunity that meets the training requirement for all members of local Community Child Protection Team members (CCPT) as set forth in NC G.S 7B 1411. Attached to this letter is a conference brochure. The conference registration form is on the last page of the conference brochure. To register for the conference you must send your completed conference registration packet along with your registration fee directly to the Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina headquarters. Mail your packet to:

Conference, PCANC
3344 Hillsborough Street, Suite. 100-D
Raleigh, NC, 27607.

The conference hotel rate for the Sheraton Four Seasons is $105.00 plus tax per night. You must make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Four Seasons at 1-800-242-6556. Hotel conference rates are guaranteed until March 7, 2002. Requests made after this date are subject to availability. There is no parking fee at the conference site.
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The Division will present Community Child Protection Team awards during the conference. The award nomination form is included with this conference packet. As in the past, the awards that will be presented are for outstanding accomplishments in the area of child protection through **public awareness, filling in gaps in services or resources, team collaboration and an individual recognition award**. Nominations may be received from teams or individual team members. The award nomination form must be returned to Phyllis Fulton, Community Child Protection Team Coordinator by **March 10, 2002**. Ms. Fulton’s address is 325 N. Salisbury Street, Suite 742 C, MSC 2408, Raleigh, NC 27699-2408. The fax number is 919-715-6714.

This letter is being sent to county Departments of Social Services electronically. The letter with the conference registration brochure attached is being sent to county Departments of Social Services and Community Child Protection Team chairpersons. Please refer questions about this conference to Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina at telephone number 919-829-8009.

Sincerely,

Charles C. Harris, Chief
Children’s Services Section

Cc: Pheon Beal
Children’s Program Representatives
Children’s Services Team Leaders

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Public Awareness – The team selected for the Public Awareness award will be the team that can demonstrate that the community’s awareness of child protection has been enhanced as a result of activities by the CCPT. You may submit any documentation to support your nomination.

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Team Collaboration - The team selected for the Team Collaboration award will be the team that has evidence that through CCPT’s collaborative activities within the community child protection has been enhanced. For this category collaboration may have been between CCPT members or may have been between other agencies or individuals in the community. You may submit any documentation to support your nomination.

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Filling in the Gaps – This award will be presented to the CCPT that identified a gap in the community’s child protection system and took action to fill the gap. When describing the action include steps the team took throughout the process. You may submit any documentation to support your nomination.

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Individual Recognition – The individual receiving this award will be the individual who demonstrated leadership in the area of child protection within the county. This individual will have contributed toward the success of the CCPT by active participation, regular attendance, etc. You may submit any documentation to support your nomination.

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