DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE ADOPTIONS STAFF

SUBJECT: POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES

The Adoption and Safe Families Act (http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-105hr867enr/pdf/BILLS-105hr867enr.pdf) requires states to dedicate a portion of its federal Promoting Safe and Stable families (PSSF) funds towards supporting adoption promotion and support services. This legislation recognizes that adoption is a life-long process and requires support on an on-going basis so adoptive families can make a lifetime commitment to their children.

The North Carolina Division of Social Services (the Division) has grouped the 100 county child welfare agencies across the state into 11 regions and, through a three-year competitive Request for Applications (RFA) process, contracted with different agencies to provide post adoption services in each region. Every county agency is part of a region with one agency providing post-adoption services (see the attachment below). Programs, activities, and support services offered by these partners are resources for the enhancement and support of post adoption services offered by county child welfare agencies. They are not to be used as substitutes for services that each county agency is required to provide to adoptive families.

County child welfare agencies are strongly encouraged to contact these contracted providers as they are available to meet with you and your staff to discuss their programs. These providers readily seek opportunities to engage the county agency and its adoptive families in receiving appropriate adoption competent services. Each provider's contact information is included on the attachment.

It is the Division’s hope that collaboration among public and private adoption professionals will strengthen success in our adoption system. Please contact Teresa Strom at 919-527-6344 or teresa.strom@dhhs.nc.gov with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Child Welfare Services

cc: Wayne Black
Child Welfare Services Team Leaders
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POST ADOPTION SUPPORT SERVICES PROVIDERS BY REGION
2014-2017 RFA CYCLE

REGION 1: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 800-632-1400, ext 280
Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Transylvania, EBCI

REGION 2: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 800-632-1400, ext 280
Avery, Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Yancey

REGION 3: CATAWBA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES  CALL: 828-695-4428
Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga, Wilkes

REGION 4: ECKERD  CALL: 980-819-5047
Cabarrus, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Union

REGION 5: BARIUM SPRINGS HOME FOR CHILDREN  CALL: 828-236-2877
Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin

REGION 6: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 800-632-1400, ext 280
Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Guilford, Orange, Person, Randolph

REGIONS 7-8: CENTER FOR CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH  CALL: 855-596-5015

REGION 9: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 252-565-2994
Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson

REGION 10: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 252-565-2994
Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington

REGION 11: CHILDREN’S HOME SOCIETY  CALL: 252-565-2994
Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Greene, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt