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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISORS

**SUBJECT: "Protecting the Disabled and Elderly: Report of the
Adult Protective Services Register"**

The annual report from the Adult Protective Services Register (APS-R) for the period of July 2000 through June 2001 is now available on-line. It can be accessed on the Division's web site, www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss by using the Quick Links option, selecting Adult Protective Services, and clicking on "Adult Protective Services Register Report".

This report is a summary of aggregated statewide data in the APS-R and enables us to better understand the population needing Adult Protective Services in our state. The report contains information about the demographics of disabled adults who are reported as needing protective services; the types of mistreatment reported and the types found; the rates at which mistreatment is confirmed and the need for protective services is substantiated; the factors which contribute to mistreatment of adults; and the types of services needed by these adults.

This annual report does not contain county specific information. The APS-R monthly management reports available to you through X/PTR provide information about APS reports in your county. We believe the information in this annual report can be valuable to you, your staff, other service providers, and the general public. Supported by information from your county's monthly management reports, the data in this report can be used to emphasize the need for collaboration among community agencies in APS cases. It can also be a helpful tool for program planning, educating DSS board members, and supporting requests for additional resources. It can be used for advocacy, prevention of mistreatment and to better educate the public about the problems of adult mistreatment.

If you have questions you may contact Vicki Kryk at (919) 733-3818 or your Adult Programs Representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Tanner".

John T. Tanner, Chief
Adult and Family Services Section

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