

North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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September 5, 2002

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 **September 26-27, 2002 at the Cumberland County DSS in Fayetteville; October 8-9, 2002 at the Catawba County DSS in Hickory; and January 15-16, 2003 at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center in Charlotte.** The curriculum was developed as part of the Division's contract with the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES). Cosponsors 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 attached 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,

John T. Tanner, Chief

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