

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

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Dear County Director of Social Services

**Attention:** Adult Services Social Workers and Supervisors

Subject: Effective Social Work Practice in Adult Services: A Core Curriculum

I am pleased to inform you that Effective Social Work Practice In Adult Services: A Core Curriculum will be conducted on November 19-21 and December 4-6, 2001 at the Guilford County Department of Social Services in Greensboro, February 19-21 and March 12-14, 2002 at the New Hanover County Department of Social Services in Wilmington, and April 2-4 and 16-18, 2002 at the Ramada Inn in Asheville. The Adult Services Branch of the North Carolina 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, sponsor this event.

The purpose of this **six day training** is to assist adult services social workers and supervisors to incorporate and integrate into practice the concepts in A Model for Excellence in Adult Services Administration and Social Work Practice. The training will focus heavily on the core skills for adult services social work practice described in A Model for Excellence, including screening/intake, functional assessments, checklist for change, setting goals, planning and implementing services, monitoring and reassessment of services, termination of services and basic counseling skills. The training will emphasize increasing awareness of and sensitivity to cultural differences affecting social workers' relationships with adults and their families.

The curriculum is designed for both new adult services social workers and supervisors. More experienced social workers and supervisors desiring a stronger understanding of how to apply the core concepts in A Model for Excellence may also want to attend.

Registration information for the training is attached and is also available through the **CARES website**: <a href="http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm">http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm</a>. Registration is limited to **40** participants. The fee for this six-day training is **\$50.00**. The **registration deadline is (ten) working days before the first day of the event**. If you need additional information, you are welcome to contact Suzanne Merrill in the Adult Services Branch (919) 733-3818, your Adult Programs Representative, Libby Phillips at CARES, (919) 962-0650 or Jane Armstrong at CARES (919) 962-6419.

Sincerely,

John T. Tanner, Chief

Adult and Family Services Section

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Attachment

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