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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE DIRECTORS, PROGRAM MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: URGENT IV-E FUNDING AT RISK

This letter is to provide notice that all counties must complete a review of <u>all</u> IV-E foster care cases. Division staff communicated that this was to be completed by December 31, 2013. Now that deadline has passed it is essential that any errors found be reported to the Division immediately. The ramification for leaving these error cases in the review universe is that the state may be at risk of a secondary IV-E review and potential future loss of Title IV-E funding. Any county that has not completed this review places the entire state at risk.

Instructions for the completion of this review were provided on May 15, 2013 (<u>http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/dcdl/famsupchildwelfare/CWS-05-13.pdf</u>) and September 15, 2013 (<u>www.ncdhhs.gov/dss/dcdl/famsupchildwelfare/CWS-16-2013.pdf</u>).

Each county has received requests from the Children's Program Representatives (CPR) asking for the status of each Title IV-E Review. If there are questions about cases, immediately call one of the CPR's to review the case situation. *If an error is found in the case, make the adjustment request to Tina Bumgarner immediately*. You may reach her at <u>tina.bumgarner@dhhs.nc.gov</u> or (828-397-3901).

Thank you for your assistance with this critical task. If you are unable to reach one of the CPR's, please contact Jeff Olson at (919) 334-1137 or jeffrey.olson@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kelley, Section Chief Child Welfare Services

cc: Children's Programs Representatives Local Business Liaisons

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