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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES FUNDING

Effective July 1, 2010, Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) funds have been authorized for all county departments of social services (DSS) that had expended any Temporary Assistance to Needy Families/Domestic Violence (TANF/DV) funds in SFY 2009-2010. This FVPSA funding is available only for a short term so DSS may take time to engage in planning and discussion with their local domestic violence (DV) agency in order to develop a comprehensive TANF/DV Plan and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for SFY 2010-2011. DSS are only able to draw down FVPSA funding for services rendered from July through September 2010. The Division anticipates authorizing the availability of TANF/DV funding by October 1, 2010.

DSS and DV agencies can utilize their SFY 2009-2010 TANF/DV Plans for the use of these FVPSA funds through September 2010. DSS and DV agencies may also amend their plans if in agreement to utilize this funding in a different strategic manner. For more specific information regarding the TANF/DV Plan and MOU, please review the TANF/DV Plan and MOU "Dear County Director" letter that was released on this date as well as a reference to the development of SFY2010-2011 plans.

As DSS and DV agencies are following or amending their SFY 2009-2010 plans, please note that there are some differences between TANF/DV and FVPSA funding. When utilizing FVPSA funds, there is no TANF eligibility requirement on the part of the client being served. Also, in addition to serving families, FVPSA funding allows for **service provision to men and women who are victims of domestic violence and do not have children.**

FVPSA funds require a twenty percent (20%) match share on total services costs. This local match can be in form of cash or in-kind resources. For SFY 2010-2011, the Division will assume the 20% match responsibility for these funds. **However, please note that if FVPSA funding is available for county DSS in future years, the county DSS will be required to assume the match requirement.**

Like with TANF/DV funds, DSS staff time to screen and provide a referral to a DV agency continues to be non-reimbursable. Another similarity is that the approved expenditures listed on the Guidelines for TANF/DV Funds are also the approved expenditures for FVPSA services. A continued practice is that the local domestic violence agency should provide a thorough domestic violence assessment with the client to determine the need for services. A DSS worker would continue to get a client's signature on a DSS-5027 form and provide reimbursement to the DV agency or other vendor providers for the purchase of approved services/assistance.

A **Services Information System (SIS)** manual update will provide new service codes in the near future. The service code to be utilized on the Client Entry Form (DSS-5027) and Administrative Costs Report (DSS-1571) part IV for the purchase of the service/assistance provided to the client is **353 and the program code is 20**. The service code to be utilized on the day sheet (DSS-4263) for non-reimbursable DSS staff time is **352 and the program code is N**.

There are data reporting requirements for the use of FVPSA funds in **Burke, Clay, Cleveland, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Halifax, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Person, Pitt, Swain, Tyrrell, and Washington** counties because there is not currently a FVPSA funded DV agency in your community that would be able to continue tracking the data requirements. Attached is a spreadsheet to assist with recording these required data fields. Counties will need to communicate closely with their DV agency in order to get an accurate account of the supportive services that were provided to the clients. Save and submit the spreadsheet via email to eric.zechman@dhhs.nc.gov by **November 1, 2010**. A separate letter/invitation will be emailed to these counties encouraging the DSS and DV agencies to join a webinar event to address any data reporting requirement questions.

Any questions regarding this letter should be directed to Rick Zechman via email at eric.zechman@dhhs.nc.gov or by phone at (919) 334-1108.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:

[FVPSA Data Report](#)

[FVPSA Allocation through September 2010 Services](#)

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