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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES STAFF

SUBJECT: KINSTON REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

North Carolina's budget outlook continues to be challenged by the economic downturn. As a result, the Division of Social Services is taking steps to remain as efficient as possible while responding to budget constraints in this difficult economy.

Effective December 31, 2010 the Regional Training Center located on the campus of Lenoir Community College in Kinston will be permanently closed.

The Division recognizes that the closure of this center will have an impact on county Departments of Social Services, especially those located in the eastern part of the state. However, the Division remains committed to delivering the same level of Staff Development excellence that it has in the past through its four remaining Regional Training centers: Asheville, Greensboro, Charlotte, and Fayetteville. The upcoming Winter/Spring training calendar will reflect the elimination of this training center.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact R. Patrick Betancourt, Interim Staff Development Program Administrator at 919-334-1104 or at: <u>patrick.betancourt@dhhs.nc.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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