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## DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## SUBJECT: ANNUAL CHILD WELFARE CASELOAD SURVEY

We are attaching the Annual Child Welfare Caseload Survey for Calendar Year 2008. This year's survey is essentially the same as previous years with two additions. The first is regarding information on cross county CPS Intake reports. The second is regarding information on FTE time for LINKS and CFT Facilitation. As with prior caseload surveys, it is vital that each county respond by accurately completing the survey and submitting the information by the deadline.

Again this year, the Division is not asking you for information on Foster Care and Adoption caseload data since this information is available through our Child Placement and Payment System. It is crucial, however, that each County DSS Director and staff review the data that your county has entered in the system. A number of reports are available through XPTR or Data Warehouse to review your data.

It should be noted that the results of the survey could be utilized to secure additional funding. As in the past, this data will be used for our federal reporting requirements and reports to the General Assembly. In addition, it is used to provide information to the media, advocacy groups, and other interested parties. It is critical that each county accurately complete this survey.

A set of definitions and instructions is included with each page of the survey to aid in its completion. Please pay close attention and adhere to these instructions. Do not make changes to the survey form. It is important that you follow the directions given. Your Children's Program Representative (CPR) is available to assist you with the survey.

In order for the Division to compile the data in a timely manner, please complete the survey and return it to Jeff Olson at 325 North Salisbury Street, MSC 2439, Raleigh, NC, 27699 <u>no later than January 31, 2009</u>. Thank you for your assistance with this important endeavor. If you have questions, please contact your CPR or Jeff Olson at (919) 334-1137 or jeffrey.olson@ncmail.net.

Sincerely. Chausse S. Johnson

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Attachment Child Welfare Staffing Survey

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