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## **Dear County Director of Social Services**

## Subject: Child Protective Services Central Registry Statistics for SFY 2003-2004

Attached are several reports derived from the Division s most recent investigative assessment and family assessment statistics in North Carolina. These statistics are taken from the Central Registry and are based on reports entered by all counties in North Carolina between July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004. With the expansion of the Multiple Response System (MRS) to 42 counties, in addition to the 10 pilot counties, the report was changed to reflect the two years that the MRS approach has been used.

One of the major changes to this report is that the county by county rankings of substantiations and number of reports are no longer included. Those that are interested in comparison data can view the unduplicated data on the webhttp://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/stats/cr.htm

The attached reports include children who are the subject of one or more investigative assessment or family assessment during SFY 2003-2004. Duplicated data is a good measure of the workload of social workers, while unduplicated data is a better measure of the actual incidents of child maltreatment. Unduplicated data will be available on the Division s web page in the near future.

The Division hopes that the information contained in these reports will be helpful to you. This information can be used to update your staff and community concerning the scope and nature of reports of child abuse, neglect, and dependency in you county and in the state. If you have questions about the information contained in these reports, please contact staff with the Data Management Team at (919) 733-3801.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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