



North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Division of Social Services

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April 13, 2007

***Dear County Departments of Social Services  
University and Community Partners***

**SUBJECT: Workshop Proposals for the 2007 MRS Learning Institute**

The Division of Social Services is once again sponsoring a Learning Institute to promote the principles and strategies of the Multiple Response System for DSS staff and community partners. This MRS Learning Institute is an extension of the training programs and technical assistance activities the Division provides to the 100 county Departments of Social Services and multiple community partners. The theme this year is *Partnerships Taking Flight* and we would like to extend an invitation to our partners to participate by submitting a workshop proposal.

This Institute is designed to provide high quality training for beginning and experienced professionals with a special emphasis on developing Family Centered Principles and System of Care skills sets. This includes such concepts as utilizing community-based prevention services, collaborating with community partners, recognizing strengths, meeting the needs of families utilizing strengths, and increasing partnership development with families. Also highlighted will be self-care strategies and diversity skill building workshops. Please find attached the workshop proposal form to complete and return by May 3, 2007.

We encourage workshop proposals that highlight the partnership between Departments of Social Services staff, families, foster and adoptive parents, and community partners. Your workshop can range from 1.5 hours in length to 5 hours in length and it should promote active participation by attendees and skills building opportunities. We anticipate the ability to cover many of the expenses incurred as part of training at this Institute which include many meals as well as possible travel reimbursement, hotel costs and/or a stipend. Additional details shall be provided if your proposal is selected. If you have any questions or would like more information about this invitation, please contact either Holly McNeill ([holly.mcneill@ncmail.net](mailto:holly.mcneill@ncmail.net) or 828-757-5672) or contact Patrick Betancourt ([patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net](mailto:patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net) or 919-733-4622). Please fax your completed proposal to 919-715-6714 or e-mail to contacts above.

Proposals must be submitted no later than May 3, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Esther T. High".

Esther T. High, Acting Chief  
Family Support and Child Welfare Services

[Attachment](#)

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