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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES and PRIVATE CHILD CARING AND CHILD PLACING AGENCY:

SUBJECT: New Employee

ATTENTION: Foster Care Supervisors, Social Workers and support staff

The Division is pleased to announce that Tina Bumgarner has accepted the position of Foster Care Financial Resource Coordinator with the Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section in the Licensing and Policy Team.

The primary duties of this position are to provide assistance to counties and private child residential service agencies in receiving the maximum allowable reimbursements for the cost of care for children in foster care. This will involve the processing and determination of adjustment claims related to foster care reimbursement corrections. Additionally, Tina will develop and deliver regularly scheduled trainings in each of the five regional training centers. This training, previously known as "Money Matters", is expected to begin being offered in the spring of 2005. This office will send out an additional announcement once those arrangements have been made.

Initially, Tina focused on the "backlog" of adjustments sent to the Division during the position vacancy period. Many of those have now been passed on to the DHHS Controller's office, for final processing and data entry. It is anticipated that the processing of these will continue throughout 2004, and into early 2005 before all are entered and final adjustments are seen for county allocations and agency payments.

Tina is now ready to provide consultation regarding foster care maintenance reimbursements. As Tina is a home-based employee, you may contact Tina with questions and requests for assistance by email at <u>Tina.Bumgarner@ncmail.net</u> or by telephone at (704) 462-2686. Written correspondence should be directed to the address listed on this letterhead.

Sincerely,

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Jo Ann Lamm, Program Administrator Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

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