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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Subject: REMINDER OF THE PARENTING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 3, 2005

We have received information from the staff of the Child Well Being and Domestic Violence Project of Prevent Child Abuse, North Carolina that there is still plenty of room available for your Work First and child welfare staff to attend the "Parenting and Domestic Violence Conference". This event will be held on Monday, October 3, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel in High Point, and is presented by the Child Well Being and Domestic Violence Project of Prevent Child Abuse, North Carolina. As a reminder, suggested invitees include staff members of abuser treatment programs, domestic violence victim services programs, probation officers, and Work First and child welfare services.

This is an excellent opportunity for you to receive state of the art information on how to work with situations that you all have reported to be very difficult. You may register through PCA-NC's web site at <u>http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/child/cwbdvevents/</u>

Workshops include:

- <u>Abuser Treatment Programs Discussion: Integrating Issues of Parenting.</u> This workshop will assist abuser treatment programs in developing and integrating issues of parenting into standard batterer intervention curriculums. David Adams along with local directors of certified abuser treatment programs will share ideas in a panel format on the mechanics and effectiveness of incorporating parenting issues into an abuser treatment intervention model. There will be a question and answer session after the panel discussion. Presenters: David Adams and NC Providers of Abuser Treatment Representatives
- <u>Abuser Treatment Programs: What are they and how do we work with them?</u> This workshop will provide a not-to-be missed opportunity to have all your questions answered about what abuser treatment programs do. Who is appropriate for a referral? What can I expect from the program? What will the abuser learn? Learn about the structure, components, goals, and philosophy of abuser treatment programs. Then, go a

step further and discuss opportunities for collaborative efforts between abuser treatment programs, probation officers, departments of social services, victim advocates, clinicians, and other community members. Presenters: Certified North Carolina Abuser Treatment Programs (TBA)

- <u>Clinical Interventions for Children Exposed to Battering Behavior</u> This workshop will take the plenary discussion a step further and examine which interventions are currently being considered and implemented by the mental health community and others. Discussion will include the current status of reimbursement and recognized practices by the state Department of Health and Human Services. Presenters: Dr. Robert Murphy, DHHS representative (TBA)
- <u>Domestic Violence Victim Service Agencies: What are they and how do we work with them?</u> Ever feel like your goals are at odds with other programs in your community? It doesn't have to be that way. Come to this workshop and hear about working partnerships between victim service agencies and other community agencies. Learn about the structure, components, goals, and philosophy of domestic violence victim service agencies. Discuss opportunities for collaborative efforts between victim services agencies, probation officers, departments of social services, clinicians, and other community members. Presenters: NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, NC domestic violence service agency representative (TBA)

These are scheduled to run concurrently so it may prove valuable to register enough people to attend each of the ones you have an interest in.

Thank you for your commitment to the safety, permanence, and well-being of North Carolina's children and families. We are delighted to be working with you to better serve the children and families in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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