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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: Children's Services Supervisors Private Adoption Agencies

SUBJECT: Changes in Assignment of Interstate Cases Effective Immediately

In an effort to provide more timely service to parties involved in the interstate placement of children, all interstate consultants will work with all types of interstate requests. No longer will one or two consultants be responsible for working with private, independent, and international adoptions. Consultants have been assigned counties, and any activity that comes from those counties will be handled by the consultant who has the assigned county.

Attached is the Interstate Consultant County Assignment listing. If you have any questions about the assignments, you may contact Esther High, Program Administrator of the Foster Care and Adoption Policy Team, at 919-733-9464 or by email at Esther.High@ncmail.net.

You may also contact consultants if you have questions about referrals from your county or private agency at 919-733-9464 or by email at: Linda.Wrightson@ncmail.net; Charlene.Timmons@ncmail.net; Berta.Hammerstein@ncmail.net; Gail.Moore@ncmail.net; or Brenda.Robertson@ncmail.net.

We are hopeful that the changes in assignment will be beneficial to all as we work to assure permanency and safety for all children.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Lamm, Section Chief Family Support and Child Welfare Services Section

Attachment

cc: Sherry S. Bradsher Children's Program Representatives Work First Representatives Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders Local Business Liaisons Richard Gottlieb, Richard Kelb, and Cathy Zalenski, US Citizenship and Immigration Services

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