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## **Dear County Departments of Social Services**

## **Dear Community Partners**

## Subject: Multiple Response System Learning Institute Registration Brochure

We are pleased to invite you to join us for an exciting learning opportunity. The **2007 Multiple Response System Learning Institute** is ready to soar. With a theme of *Partnerships Taking Flight*, this years event will be held in Asheville on Aug. 27-29. We believe this year's event will provide not only opportunities to sharpen vital skills in working with families and community partners, but also pay attention to the needs of the Social Worker. We have gathered a wide range of workshops that will offer something for everyone from Work First to Adoptions, and from line worker to director. For the first time this year we will be opening the Institute to some of our partners in Community Based Programs so that we can learn together. There will be opportunities to learn from professional trainers and speakers, as well as from colleagues from across the state who have hands on experience.

Attached you will find a brochure outlining the schedule of the Institute, and descriptions of workshops that are being offered. The deadline for registration is July 27, 2007. While we would like to be able to accept all registrations, space is limited. We will accept registrations in a manner that will allow all 100 counties to be represented. Please do not make hotel reservations before receiving confirmation that your registration has been accepted.

You will notice that you are asked to choose a first and second choice for each session. We will always try to give you your first choice, but will have to make adjustments for space.

Should you have any questions regarding registration for the 2007 MRS Learning Institute, contact Teresa Turner, Staff Development Team Program Administrator at teresa.turner@ncmail.net or 919-733-7672; or Patrick Betancourt, MRS Program Coordinator at patrick.betancourt@ncmail.net or 919-733-4622.

We look forward to providing you with an exciting and memorable learning experience, where we can all learn from each other. Thank you for all you do in keeping children safe in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

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