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Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Child Welfare Program Managers, Supervisors And Child Welfare Workers

Subject: Results of 2007 Federal Child and Family Services Review

NCDSS has received the signed final copy of the Executive Summary and Child and Family Services Review Report. Both documents are accessible at:

http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/stats/cw.htm

North Carolina did meet the 90 day deadline regarding the submission of our Program Improvement Plan(PIP). Feedback on the PIP from the Administration of Children and Families, Children's Bureau will focus on the effectiveness of the proposed strategies and action steps. North Carolina will revise the PIP to the satisfaction of ACF; then the two year implementation of the PIP begins.

Quarterly progress reports are required and will be posted on NCDSS website. We encourage you to stay informed regarding our state's progress while we focus on deepening our Multiple Response System and System of Care practice in child welfare.

Please contact Candice Britt, Child and Family Services Review Coordinator, <u>candice.britt@ncmail.net</u>, 919-733-7831, if you have questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Sherry S. Bradsher Sarah Barham Local Business Liaisons Managers Jo Ann Lamm Children' Services Program Representatives Family Support and Child Welfare Services Team Leaders

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