



## North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services

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Michael F. Easley, Governor  
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Sherry S. Bradsher, Director  
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February 8, 2008

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Re: Announcements of Division Management Positions

It is with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of several key executive management positions within our Division. Many of you have already met some of them but we wanted to make certain that everyone was aware of our changes in new leadership. All of them have a wealth of experience and will provide strong leadership as we move forward in achieving the best outcomes for children and families.

In Economic Services, we are pleased to announce Dean Simpson as the Section Chief effective March 2008. Ms. Simpson will have the responsibility of Food and Nutrition Services, Crisis Intervention Program, Low Income Energy Assistance and Refugee Services. Ms. Simpson has over 25 years of management experience at a county department of social services in these program areas. We are pleased to announce Adonica Hampton as the new Assistant Section Chief of Economic Services. You may have already met Adonica in her current role. Ms. Hampton was with the Division's Child Support Enforcement Section, has worked as a contract provider for Child Support Services in NC and other states and has previous county experience in income maintenance programs.

In Family Support and Child Welfare Services, we are pleased to announce Charisse Johnson as the Section Chief and Kevin Kelley as the Assistant Section Chief. Many of you already know them as each has extensive experience in child welfare in NC. They each hold a MSW, have worked with the Division previously in different capacities and worked in county departments of social services in our state. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Kelley both have private non-profit experience.

We are excited with the possibilities of new leadership and encourage each of you to take the opportunity to meet them. They each bring a wealth of enthusiasm and diverse expertise. It is important for our leadership to embrace the family centered principles of partnership in our work with county departments of social services which will enhance our working relationship.

Please join us in welcoming our new leaders. Charisse and Kevin can be reached at 919-733-9467 and Dean and Adonica can be reached at 919-733-7831.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry S. Bradsher".

Sherry S. Bradsher

Cc: Charisse Johnson    Dean Simpson  
      Adonica Hampton    Kevin Kelley  
      Jo Ann Lamm

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