

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

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Beverly Eaves Purdue, Governor Lanier M. Cansler, Secretary Sherry S. Bradsher, Director (919) 733-3055

May 31, 2011

Re: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Employment and Training (E&T) Program Operating Plans

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers & Supervisors

Economic and Family Services is requiring Employment and Training Plans for the 2011-2012 State Fiscal Year from the counties operating the Volunteer E&T Program. FNS staff and ESC E&T staff need to complete these plans together.

The E&T Operating Plan provides FNS and ESC staff with a strategy for working together to accomplish a successful Volunteer E&T Program. Each agency identifies the areas they are responsible for promoting within the E&T Program. In addition, the E&T Operating Plan can provide flexibility in the way DSS and ESC communicate, in some cases eliminating the use of certain E&T forms, such as the Referral and/or Information Transmittal forms.

Although submitting the E&T Operating Plan is the responsibility of the DSS, the overall process is a joint effort between the FNS and ESC E&T staff, the DSS Director, and the ESC Manager.

Please complete the FNS E&T Operating Plan and send to Economic and Family Services no later than Friday, June 24, 2011. The attachment can be saved as a word document and e-mailed with electronic signatures to <u>Kathy.Evans@dhhs.nc.gov</u> or faxed to her attention at (919) 334-1266. If you have questions about the plan, contact Kathy Evans at (919) 334-1075.

Sincerely,

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Dean Simpson, Chief Economic and Family Services

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