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**RE: Work Support Strategies and NC FAST
Operational Readiness Workshops**

Dear County Director of Social Services:

As a follow-up to the July 15, Dear County Director Letter, we are sending out an amended version of the Operational Readiness Workshops with eight additional dates.

The Division of Social Services is pleased to announce that Work Support Strategies and NC FAST will be conducting ten (10) Operational Readiness Workshops across the state from July 23 through August 15, 2013. These workshops will be open to staff from all counties and will help continue to share the messages of WSS and NC FAST, while providing valuable information about our upcoming NC FAST Project 7 implementation.

Each workshop is scheduled from 9am to 4pm, with locations that will allow counties to attend without excessive travel requirements. Each county may send up to five (5) staff and lunch will be provided for all registered participants. Attendees should include staff that will be involved in leading the universal worker process, health care reform process and P2&6 rollout as well as the Work Support Strategies County Champion.

Below are the locations and dates for all ten (10) workshops.

County	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Address
Jackson County	7/23/2013	Western Carolina University Ramsey Center Community Room	1 University Drive Cullowhee
Watauga County	7/24/2013	Department of Social Services	132 Poplar Grove Connector, Suite C Boone
Pasquotank County	7/30/2013	College of the Albemarle	1208 N. Road St, Elizabeth City
Martin County	7/31/2013	Martin Community College	Building 1, Room 14 1161 Kehukee Park Road, Williamston

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County	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Address
Duplin County	8/2/2013	Duplin Co Ag Center	165 Agriculture Dr. Kenansville
Robeson	8/5/2013	Robeson County DSS	120 Glen Cowan Rd. Lumberton
Guilford	8/6/2013	Guilford DSS	1203 Maple Street, Greensboro
Caldwell	8/13/2013	First Baptist Church	304 Main St NW Lenoir
Cabarrus	8/14/2013	Cabarrus DSS	1303 S. Cannon Blvd., Kannapolis
Wake	8/15/2013	TBD	TBD

To register, please visit the Work Support Strategies website at www.ncwss.com. One person may register all five (5) attendees and will need to provide the county name and registrants' names, positions, and e-mail addresses. The password to register is: ncwss. The registration deadline for each week of workshops is **the Friday before** the workshop. However, each location is limited to 10 counties and is scheduled on a first-come basis. If your first choice of location is full, please register for another site.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Lawrence at judy.lawrence@dhhs.nc.gov or (336) 227-2063 or Shannon Montanez at smontanez@pcgus.com. We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Sincerely,



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