



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

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October 30, 2015

**Re: Abled-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWD) Reports and Notice**

**Dear County Director of Social Services:**

**Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors**

Effective January 1, 2016, 23 counties will no longer be eligible for the ABAWD waiver. Those counties are Alamance, Alexander, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Orange, Randolph, Union, Wake, Watauga and Yadkin. The remaining 77 counties will be phased out of the ABAWD waiver by July 1, 2016. Information regarding those counties is forthcoming.

Two reports will be provided in NC FAST Help that will identify the potential ABAWDs in each of the 23 counties. These same reports will be provided to the other 77 counties in 2016.

The first report, ABAWDs without Earned Income, will be available November 2, 2015.

Actions below should be completed by November 23, 2015 but no later than December 31, 2015.

- Review the cases;
- Update all evidence including but not limited to pregnancy, disability and student status;
- Ensure required individuals are correctly work registered.

The second report, ABAWDs with Earned Income, will be available December 4, 2015.

Actions below should be completed by December 22, 2015 but no later than December 31, 2015.

- Review cases;
- Update all evidence including but not limited to pregnancy, disability and student status;
- Ensure required individuals are correctly work registered and;
- Enter number of hours working per month in evidence in NC FAST. (This is a new field that will be added in NC FAST).

These cases must be completed by the prescribed deadlines in order for NC FAST to identify and track the ABAWDs correctly for the 23 counties identified. It is urgent that the actions identified

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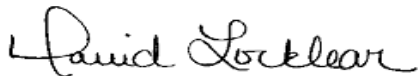
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above be addressed each time an action is taken on a case in all counties, not just the 23 referenced, in preparation for the statewide phase out of the ABAWD waiver by July 1, 2016.

The attached notice will be sent to potential individuals identified as an ABAWD in the 23 counties listed above by November 4, 2015. A copy of this notice should be given to potential ABAWDs at initial application and/or recertification. The Spanish version will be provided at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact the Operational Support Team via email at [ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Locklear, Chief  
Economic and Family Services

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[ABAWD Notice](#)