

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

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

October 1, 2010

RE: Employment & Training

Dear County Director of Social Services

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Managers and Supervisors

The Economic and Family Services Section is exploring a more effective approach for operating the Food and Nutrition Services Employment and Training Program and need the help of the DSS agencies. USDA requires that each state have an Employment and Training Program, but how the program is set up and how it operates is a State decision. We are interested in working with several counties that will volunteer to help design and manage North Carolina's E&T Program. There will be 100% funding through the E&T Program for staff at the local DSS office as well as the local ESC office to implement and manage the program. The counties that volunteer will be the only counties in the state that will operate an E&T Program.

If you and your county FNS staff would like to be part of this special project and would like to volunteer to be an Employment and Training county, please e-mail David Locklear at <u>david.locklear@dhhs.nc.gov</u> by October 15, 2010. Please feel free to contact me at (919) 334-1234 if you have questions or need further information. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Dean Simpson

Dean Simpson, Chief Economic and Family Services

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