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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors

Subject: Work First Biennial County Planning

In discussing the North Carolina's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) State Plan with the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Work First Biennial County Planning cycle has changed. The TANF State Plan approved by the North Carolina General Assembly for FYY 2010-2011 will be submitted to ACF December 2010 and will be effective until December 2012. The TANF State Plan dates will be changed accordingly. Due to this change, the Work First biennial planning process will not begin until June 2011.

Once the planning process begins, only the Electing Counties are required to submit a Work First Block Grant Plan to the Division. Standard Counties will be required to submit a Work First Block Grant Plan checklist and maintain a copy of the plan on file at the county agency for consultation reviews. Counties will be provided with specific instructions on the planning requirements prior to June 2011.

If there are questions, please contact your Work First Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

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