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Michael F. Easley, Governor Carmen Hooker Buell, Secretary E. C. Modlin, ACSW, Director (919) 733-3055

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Re: Work First Block Grant Plans

Dear County Director of Social Services:

We have almost completed the Work First planning process for the upcoming biennium. I appreciate the hard work that county staff and others have devoted to this effort, and I am confident the work will result in enhanced services for Work First families in your county.

This letter is to clarify the implementation date for county Work First Plans. The effective date for county plans is being aligned with the effective date of the State TANF Plan which the State submits to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, to be effective October 1, 2001. Since the State plan is an aggregate of all 100 county plans, your new county Work First plan will become effective October 1, 2001, the same time as the new State plan. Consequently, your county's current Work First plan will be extended through September 30, 2001.

Please direct any further questions regarding implementation to Deborah Landry at (919) 733-7831.

Sincerely,

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