

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

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Re: North Carolina Nutrition Network

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food Stamp Supervisors

The North Carolina Nutrition Network was established by a cooperative agreement with Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in March 1997. The Network consists of Nutrition Education Programs that are conducted in all 100 counties and on the Cherokee Indian Reservation.

The Purpose of the Nutrition Network is to create and maintain a network of agencies and organizations to provide nutrition education, or access to education, to food stamp eligible adults and children.

The enclosed brochure "Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles through Education" outlines the information and county location for each of the programs in the North Carolina Nutrition Education Network. Since the services available are valuable benefits for eligible food stamp adults and children, please copy and distribute this information to your caseworkers to share with eligible food stamp participants.

If you have any questions about the North Carolina Nutrition Education Network, please contact Sandy Smith at 919-733-7831.

Sincerely,

Wilbert R. Morris, Chief Economic Independence Section

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