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Division of Social Services**

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Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Work First Program Administrators and Supervisors

Subject: Workforce Investment Act/ Workforce Development Programs

The North Carolina Division of Social Services Economic and Family Services Section and the North Carolina Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Solutions have developed a state workgroup. The purpose of this group is to establish an on-going partnership between the programs to assist the citizens of North Carolina to improve employment outcomes.

Local county Department of Social Services Work First programs are encouraged to continue working collaboratively with local Workforce Development programs to establish protocols to ensure that participants are aware of both programs and their benefits. Work First and Workforce Development programs strive to ensure that adequate employment and training efforts and the necessary supportive services are available. The collaboration of services will strengthen relationships between agencies and improve employment outcomes for Work First participants and for Workforce Investment Act clients.

The Division appreciates your commitment to the Work First Program and look forward to partnering with you as we strengthen collaboration at all levels. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact workfirst.support@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Locklear".

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