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Division of Social Services

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July 1, 2010

Dear County Director of Social Services:

Attention: Food and Nutrition Services Administrators, Managers and Supervisors
Work First Administrators, Managers, and Supervisors

Subject: Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Healthy Marriages Initiatives

Effective July 1, 2010, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) will implement new policy to include Expanded Categorical Eligibility. One of the criteria for this policy is to provide customers information regarding Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) services.

The purpose of this letter is to ensure that customers who are at or below the 200% maximum gross income limit are aware of resources available regarding Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Healthy Marriages Initiatives for Expanded Categorical Eligibility for Food and Nutrition Services. Preventing teen pregnancy is necessary to ensure healthy, prosperous futures for teens. The goal of encouraging Healthy Marriages is to help couples, who have chosen marriage for themselves, gain greater access to marriage education services, on a voluntary basis, where they can acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to form and sustain a healthy marriage.

Attached is a Fact Sheet that Food and Nutrition Services and Work First workers must provide to customers regarding Teen Pregnancy Prevention and Healthy Marriages Initiatives. This Fact Sheet will be translated in Spanish and a brochure is forthcoming. Workers should access the Fact Sheet through the DSS forms website NC DHHS Online Publications - Forms to make additional copies to distribute to customers until the brochure is available.

If there are questions, please contact your Food and Nutrition Services Regional Team, Work First Program Consultant or the Economic and Family Services Help Desk.

Sincerely,

Dean Simpson, Chief
Economic and Family Services Section

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Attachment