



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

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Michael F. Easley, Governor
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May 23, 2001

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Re: Expansion of Definitions of LINKS Service Codes

**Attn: Children's Services Supervisors
LINKS Liaisons
Data Entry Personnel**

This letter is to notify you that the definitions of eligible populations have been changed for three LINKS service codes: 132 (Outreach Services); 135 (LINKS Services to Youth 13-15) and 136 (LINKS Services to Youth 16 to 21). This is the only change to these codes.

132-Outreach Services

These services may be offered to former foster youth ages ~~13~~ 16 to 21 who are at risk of self-destructive or criminal behaviors.

135-LINKS Services to ~~Foster~~ Youth 13-15

Counties may serve current **and former** foster youth who were in foster care after the age of 13 in their ongoing programs, such as groups, activities, etc. A youth in this age range who is no longer in custody may sign an application for voluntary services (DSS-5027) in his/her own behalf. The county may use their LINKS county allocation to pay any additional costs for inclusion of the youth or may draw down LINKS Special Funds on behalf of eligible youths to help with additional costs, if any.

136- LINKS Services to ~~Foster~~ Youth 16-21

Counties may serve current **and former** foster youth ages 16 to 21 who were in foster care after the age of 13 in their ongoing programs. As above, a youth in this age group who is no longer in custody may sign an application for voluntary services in his/her behalf.

Dear County Director Letter
Re: Change in definition to LINKS Service Codes
May 23, 2001

Again, as above, the county may use their LINKS county allocation or draw down Special Funds on behalf of eligible youth/young adults ages 16 to 21 to pay for additional costs incurred, if any.

Please inform appropriate staff about these changes.

Sincerely,



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