CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

| DATE: | September 30, 2008 |
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| MANUAL: | Family Services Manual, Volume 1: Children's Services, Chapter IV: Child Placement Services, Section 1201, XI. Shared Parenting |
| CHANGE NO: | 10-2008 |
| то: | County Directors of Social Services |
| Attention: | Child Welfare Program Managers & Supervisors Child Welfare Social Workers |
| RE: | New Shared Parenting Policy |
| EFFECTIVE: | October 15, 2008 |

The implementation of shared parenting meetings in child placement cases is one of the multiple Response System Strategies. Policy has been developed to support continued implementation of shared parenting as well as to help provide guidance.

The North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services Executive Committee has approved this new policy. Attached to this letter is the new policy within Chapter IV: Child Placement Services, Section 1201, XI. Shared Parenting.

Please ensure that staff responsible for the delivery of these services are provided copies of this policy or can access it via the DSS web site. The Division of Social Services on-line manual web address is: <u>http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss</u>.

Should you have any questions regarding the policy please contact your Children's Program Representative or the Foster Care and Adoption Policy Team at (919) 733-9464.

Sincerely, Chausse S. Johnson

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Attachment: Chapter IV: Child Placement, Section 1201, XI. Shared Parenting

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