May 18, 2010

Dear MSW Student,

Welcome to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work. As you enter the School and begin your course of study, I want to make you aware of an initiative for students interested in child welfare.

The NC Child Welfare Education Collaborative seeks to strengthen public child welfare services in the State by increasing the number and diversity of well-trained and highly committed MSWs in local Departments of Social Services. Offering special educational opportunities emphasizing public child welfare practice, the Collaborative provides financial support for selected social work graduate students who will commit to employment in child welfare in a North Carolina county department of social services. The Collaborative will pay in-state tuition for all students in the program. In addition to tuition, full-time students receive a $7,000.00 service award annually, and part-time students receive financial support for books and travel expenses.

Students selected to participate in the Collaborative must attend Child Welfare Pre-service training scheduled for August 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, 2010, unless they have previously completed the mandatory training sponsored by the NC Division of Social Services, *Child Welfare in North Carolina*. Your Field Practicum must be in a dss/child welfare county agency. Collaborative students must select classes from the advanced curriculum that focus on families and children. Your Concentration can be Management and Community Practice, Direct or Self Direct. The Collaborative has designated courses that you must complete. A listing of these courses is provided for you in the information attached to this letter.

If you have a strong commitment to pursue a career in child welfare, we invite you to submit an application to the NCCWEC at Chapel Hill. **Applicants to the program must be available for an on-site interview during the weeks of May 24, May 31, June 7, and 14, 2010.** If you know you will not be available for interviews during this time, or you know a particular day during these weeks would work better for you, please note this in a cover letter with your application.
To apply for Academic Year 2010-2011, please complete the attached MSW Collaborative Application and mail to:

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Chapel Hill Child Welfare Education Collaborative  
UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work  
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**Applications must be received by May 28, 2010.** If you would like additional information, please contact me at (919) 962-8982, or email:  
wreives@email.unc.edu.

Sincerely,

Wanda F. Reives

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Enclosures