

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE:	March 17, 2009
MANUAL:	Family Services Manual, Volume I; Children's Services, Chapter I: Intensive Family Preservation Services

CHANGE NO: 04-2009

TO:	COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ATTENTION:	CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS & SUPERVISORS CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL WORKERS
RE:	PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT POLICY CHANGES
EFFECTIVE:	MARCH 2009

I. BACKGROUND

Attached to this notice is the updated section (Chapter I - Intensive Family Preservation Services) to be added to the Family Services Manual. This updated section is a direct result of the Division's approved Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and the state's on-going system reform effort. Both the Children's Services Committee and the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services have approved these changes.

These revisions are being sent to you via e-mail and will only be posted on-line. There are additional policy changes that are forthcoming over the next several months. As these changes to policy are completed and approved, they also will be sent via e-mail and posted on-line. Once all of the policy changes are completed and approved, the Division will send each county a full set of hard copies for all of these changes at that time.

II. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

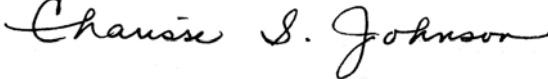
The revised chapter provides program procedures and guidelines for the Intensive Family Preservation Services Program. The revised policy details federal and state requirements of the program; clarifies old policy discrepancies; and provides guidance to best practices in providing effective services for children and families.

Please ensure that all staff members who have child welfare responsibility are provided copies of this material or can access it via the NCDSS website. The Division of Social Services on-line manual web address is: <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/dss/>

III. INSTRUCTIONS:

Obsolete:	Insert:
Old Chapter I – Intensive Family Preservation Services	Chapter I - Intensive Family Preservation Services

Sincerely,



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[Chapter I - Intensive Family Preservation Services](#)

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