

February 15, 1999

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community College Presidents

FROM: H. Martin Lancaster

SUBJECT: MARCH TO WORK MONTH

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. has proclaimed March 1999, as "**MARCH TO WORK MONTH**" in North Carolina. The State, with strong leadership from the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services (NCACDSS) in cooperation with the Governor's Work First Business Council, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, and the North Carolina Community College System, is planning a major effort to connect Work First clients with the 14,500 jobs promised by North Carolina businesses.

The NCACDSS and the Division of Social Services are sponsoring the **Recipes for Success: Promising Practices in Welfare Reform Conference** March 10-12, 1999, in Fayetteville. I realize that many of your staff will be attending the Adult Educators Spring Conference in Asheville during this time; however, for those who do not plan to attend, please encourage them to participate in the Recipes for Success conference. A copy of the brochure is attached.

Also attached is a list of scheduled **Job Fairs** that will be held during March. I am pleased to note that several community colleges are serving as host sites. This effort will be a proactive, highly visible campaign to promote hiring Work First clients.

The NCCCS is the lead agency for delivering job training, literacy, and adult education programs in the state, and is committed to providing Work First clients with the necessary resources to move them from welfare to work. I hope that you will make every effort to support and actively participate in these important initiatives.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Chuck Barham at the System Office.

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Attachment
c: Senior Continuing Education Administrators

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