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July 6, 2011

DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: Adult Protective Services Survey

Attention: Adult Services Supervisors

The Division of Aging and Adult Services (Division) is conducting the Annual Survey of North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program (APS) to collect crucial information about the needs of vulnerable older and disabled adults who come to the attention of your agency. Data from the annual survey provides essential information to help strengthen North Carolina's current APS program, including continued efforts to pilot the proposed Vulnerable Adult Protection System (VAPS) and to prepare North Carolina to receive Elder Justice Act funding when it becomes available. As you know, some funding for the Elder Justice Act, Title VI of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, was included in the President's 2012 budget. The amount of \$16.5 million would provide the first dedicated Federal funding to states to be used exclusively for APS.

The APS Survey can be accessed at

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2011/AFS-05-2011_APS_Survey_June.xls The survey can be completed, saved and sent as an attachment in an email to Charlene.Wilson@dhhs.nc.gov or faxed to Charlene Wilson at 919-715-0023. Please note that the survey must be signed by the director.

For your convenience, there is an instruction document to assist with completion of the STAFF POSITIONS and the APS REPORTS STATISTICS sections of the survey, found at

http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2011/AFS-05-2011_APS_Survey_Instruct.pdf.

Data from your June 2011 APS Register Report (available July 1, 2011), your agency's APS log, the APS Log accessed at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2011/AFS-05-2011_APS_Log_Interactive.xls and completed APS intake forms can be used to complete the survey.

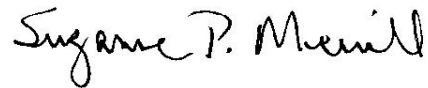
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In order for the Division to compile the data in a timely manner, please submit the survey as indicated above no later than July 29, 2011. It is our intention to make this data available on the Division's website. For your reference, 2009 APS survey data is available at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2009_APS_survey_data.pdf.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Nancy Warren at (919) 733-3818.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
Adult Services Section

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