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HUMAN SERVICES**

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June 15, 2020

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND WORKERS**

**SUBJECT: FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT CANDIDACY COUNTY SURVEY**

**REQUIRED ACTION: June 26, 2020**

**FFPSA Candidacy County Survey**

[https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9RILSJl2Mh7X9SR](https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RILSJl2Mh7X9SR)

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services (DHHS/DSS), in response to the Family First Prevention Services Act, is working to identify all children who may be eligible for prevention services under the FFPSA prevention plan that is being developed.

Counties are being asked to complete a survey that will provide estimates of children currently in potential candidacy groups for use in developing the state's plan for the Family First Prevention Services Act. In addition, this will help identify who is currently providing traditional prevention services, where the referrals come from and if your county provides the service.

General Instructions for the survey:

- 1) Please gather all the info on the template provided prior to starting the survey.
- 2) Please use real **NUMBERS** only when asked to. i.e. if you don't have any numbers for an answer, please use 0 or estimate the number served, do not use N/A.
- 3) If you answer no to the first question, please move to the questions about children in foster care.
- 4) Please give the name of the person responsible for completing the survey.
- 5) These data points are being collected because the division does not have ready access to these through legacy, data warehouse, or NC Fast.

Only one response is needed for each county. The Regional Child Welfare Consultant (RCWC) assigned to your county will be reaching out to offer help with completing the survey. UNC-CH is assisting the DHHS/DSS with the survey data collection. If you have any questions about accessing the survey, please contact Joy Stewart at [jstewart@unc.edu](mailto:jstewart@unc.edu).

NC DHHS/DSS appreciates the hard work you are doing daily during these challenging times. If you have any training questions, please contact Kathy Stone @[Kathy.Stone@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Kathy.Stone@dhhs.nc.gov).

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Sincerely,



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FFPSA Survey Template

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