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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 adults and adults with disabilities who come to the attention of your agency. Data from the annual survey provides essential information to help strengthen North Carolina's APS program. For example, survey data, used in conjunction with the APS Register data, is used to respond to media requests for information, requests for data from national surveys, provide reliable data for the Attorney General's Task Force on Fraud Against Older Adults, support our 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 and 2013 budgets.

The APS Survey can be accessed at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2012/AFS-08-2012_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 reviewed and 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/2012/AFS-08-2012_APS_Survey_Instruct.pdf

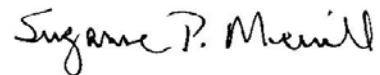
Data from your June 2012 APS Register Report (available July 1, 2012), your agency's APS log, the APS Log accessed at and completed APS intake forms can be used to complete the survey. http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2011/AFS-05-2011_APS_Log_Interactive.xls

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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 August 6, 2012. It is our intention to make this data available on the Division's website. For your reference, 2009 APS data is available at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2009_APS_survey_data.pdf and 2011 data is available at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2011_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) 855-3463.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
Adult Services Section

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