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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES SURVEY

The Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) 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, the President's budget includes a request for \$25 million for an Elder Justice Initiative.

The APS Survey can be accessed at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2014/APS_Survey_Form_082014.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, an instruction document is available to assist with completion of the STAFF POSITIONS and the APS REPORTS STATISTICS sections of the survey can be found at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/codirltr/2014/APS_Survey_Instructions_2014.pdf.

Data from your June 2014 APS Register Report (available July 1, 2014), your agency's APS log, (the APS Log can be accessed 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.

In order for the Division to compile the data in a timely manner, please submit the survey as indicated above no later than August 20, 2014. It is our intention to make this data available on the Division's website. Previous years' compiled data can be found at http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2009_APS_survey_data.pdf and http://www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/adultsvcs/2012_APS_survey_data.pdf.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact LeShana Baldwin at 919-855-3456.

Sincerely,

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Adult Services Section Chief

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