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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS, CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS

SUBJECT: NCDSS PLAN OF SAFE CARE (POSC) SURVEY

REQUIRED ACTION: Information Only Time Sensitive Immediate

When infants are born with and identified as being affected by substances (SAI), notification to the local county DSS is required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). These notifications are integral to the development of a required Plan of Safe Care (POSC) to ensure the safety and well-being of such infants, following their release from health care providers.

In lieu of the current spreadsheet for tracking SAI/POSC notifications and other related data, a survey link has been developed for counties to utilize for reporting:

<https://gcv.microsoft.us/Jfn9vZZLRb>

The schedule and deadline for submitting data has not changed. Counties will enter their July and August 2023 SAI/POSC data in the survey link provided with a deadline of September 15, 2023. All subsequent months will be entered into the survey by the 15th of the following month.

If there are any questions regarding the survey link or SAI/POSC data, please reach out to your Regional Child Welfare Specialist.

Sincerely,

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