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ATTENTION: ADULT SERVICES SUPERVISORS

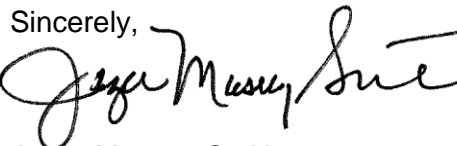
SUBJECT: RETHINKING GUARDIANSHIP SURVEY

Since 2015 the Statewide Workgroup for Rethinking Guardianship has addressed long-term improvements in North Carolina's guardianship system and promoted less restrictive alternatives to guardianship. One of the Workgroup's current interests is the role of public and private guardians in transitions to community living, and perceived barriers to implementing programs such as "Money Follows the Person" and the "Transitions to Community Living Initiative." An online survey was recently developed by the Workgroup to gather information from both private and public guardians concerning these issues.

Since the Workgroup is interested in input from public guardians, it asked the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) to share the online survey with Department of Social Services (DSS) Directors. In addition to taking the survey themselves, DSS Directors are requested to forward the survey to all social workers in their agency who work with adult guardianship caseloads to provide input. The online survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and can be found at the following link: https://unc.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6u5h90sPrzsPPk9

The Workgroup asks that surveys be completed by April 3, 2019. Please note that the first page of the survey outlines the rights of survey participants and provides contact information in case there are any questions or difficulties in navigating the survey.

Thank you for your willingness to assist.

Sincerely,

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Director

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