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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: TRIPLE P SURVEY

REQUIRED ACTION: TIME SENSITIVE

The purpose of this letter is to (1) describe the purpose for the North Carolina Triple P Landscape Survey for County Child Welfare Agencies, (2) provide the link to the survey with a supporting reference document, and (3) request completion of the survey by February 8, 2019.

BACKGROUND

In CWS-01-2019 sent on January 3, 2019, the Division of Social Services (DSS) provided an update to the statewide scale-up of the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program system of interventions and described the investments being made by DSS and its state partners in building an infrastructure to support effective implementation of Triple P. In that letter, DSS also indicated that a survey would be forthcoming about the use of Triple P in your agency.

As previously noted, data from Triple P America shows that county child welfare workers are among the highest population to have received Triple P training in North Carolina. Many county child welfare agencies are interested in delivering Triple P or are delivering Triple P with families either directly or by referring to trained private providers whereas others have experienced barriers to delivery due to staff attrition and other child welfare priorities.

The approach being taken by DSS and its state level partners, based on research and practice, teaches that the Triple P system is most effective when there is strong community, service agency and practitioner capacity to support the delivery of the Triple P system of interventions. When capacity at each level is present, Triple P implementation dramatically improves as does the potential for long term success --- both in terms of speed in adopting and delivering Triple P, as well as how well Triple P is delivered within agencies.

Results of this survey will be used by DSS and its state partners in its Triple P strategic planning efforts which includes a focus on resources needed at the state, community, agency and practitioner levels to support the unique implementation needs of Triple P in county child welfare agencies.

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ACTION REQUIRED

Please complete the North Carolina Triple P Landscape Survey for County Child Welfare Agencies at <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4775523/DSS-Triple-P-Landscape-Survey>. The survey should take ten minutes to complete and is to be completed only **once per agency** by either the Director or an appointed designee.

The survey asks about specific Triple P levels within your agency. If needed, please refer to the attached Triple P System Table which provides an overall summary of the Triple P System with a description of the levels of interventions and related information. The document is also hyperlinked in the survey for ease of reference.

Responses are due by **Friday, February 8, 2019**.

If you have specific questions about the survey or have any technical difficulties with completing it, please contact Colleen Ehatt at colleen.ehatt@dhhs.nc.gov.

If you have any questions about the Triple P scale-up, DSS investments to date, or strategic vision relative to Triple P in child welfare, please reach out to me at kristin.oconnor@dhhs.nc.gov or 919-527-6407.

Sincerely,



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Attachment:
Triple P System Table

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