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Division of Social Services

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June 1, 2011

**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

**ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS,  
SUPERVISORS AND STAFF**

**SUBJECT: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP & MARRIAGE EDUCATION TRAINING  
SURVEY OF CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS**

The Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education Training (HRMET) project is a five-year \$1.2 million federally funded multi-state cooperative agreement with the Administration on Children, Youth and Families Children's Bureau. The goal of the HRMET Training Project is to meet the safety, permanency, and well-being needs of vulnerable children and reduce racial disproportionality in the child welfare system.

Currently, a research team at the University of Georgia in partnership with North Carolina State University is working on a project examining the attitudes of child welfare workers and current social work students about relationship and marriage education. The Division of Social Services is in support of the HRMET Project's current initiative to gather information from North Carolina's child welfare services staff.

The Division encourages all child welfare staff to avail themselves of this unique opportunity to influence research and curriculum development. Your responses will be very helpful in understanding the child welfare professional's perspective on relationships and marriage, particularly as the Division researches opportunities to improve support to child welfare professionals with engaging non-custodial/non-residential parents. Responses will help inform the development of training for child welfare professionals about the role of relationship and marriage education in the child welfare field.

It is very important to the project to obtain feedback from child welfare professionals about this topic. All responses are confidential and completely voluntary and you may skip any question you choose or stop responding at any time. Only the research staff in Georgia will have access to individual level data. The final report will only include aggregate data and anonymous quotes as appropriate.

The content in the survey was approved by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services. The goal is to collect all data by **June 30, 2011**. Please take a few moments to respond to the following questions as honestly as you can. The survey should not take more than 10-15 minutes to complete. To access the survey, please go to the following website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLL28KZ>.

If you have any questions, you can contact Dr. Ted Futris ([tfutris@uga.edu](mailto:tfutris@uga.edu) | 706-542-7566) or Dr. Virginia Dick ([vdick@cviog.uga.edu](mailto:vdick@cviog.uga.edu) | 706-542-6272). If you have difficulty with the survey link, please contact Rick Zechman with the North Carolina Division of Social Services at [eric.zechman@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:eric.zechman@dhhs.nc.gov) or at 919-334-1108. Thank you so much for your timely response and assistance in this unique and pioneering effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Kelley".

Kevin Kelley, Interim Section Chief  
Child Welfare Services

cc: Sherry Brasher  
Jack Rogers  
Child Welfare Team Leaders

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