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Division of Social Services**

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**DEAR COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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

**SUBJECT: ON-LINE ABUSER TREATMENT PROGRAM SURVEY**

The Division of Social Services is interested in improving services to families and children experiencing domestic violence. A state level group of staff/advocates representing child-serving agencies has been meeting to discuss policy, training and practice issues as they relate to serving these families.

The Division would like to provide you with a link to contact information for statewide Abuser Treatment Programs:

<http://www.nccfwdvc.com/programs/pdfs/AbuserTreatmentPrograms.pdf>

The following link provides information regarding domestic violence program guidelines. These guidelines are issued by The North Carolina Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission (Council). The Council is a departmental advocacy division that provides funding, consultation and/or technical assistance to domestic violence programs statewide. The purpose of the guidelines is to provide all domestic violence programs receiving funding from the Council with directives on administrative and programmatic requirements.

[http://www.nccfwdvc.com/documents/grants/2010/DV%20Guidelines%202009-2010%20%20\\_May%2018%2009\\_.pdf](http://www.nccfwdvc.com/documents/grants/2010/DV%20Guidelines%202009-2010%20%20_May%2018%2009_.pdf)

Information regarding Region Directors can be found at:

<http://www.nccfwdvc.com/contactus.htm>

We are unsure as a Division how Abuser Treatment Program resources are utilized. We would appreciate your agency designating one staff person to complete this brief survey. The staff person should have knowledge of how the agency makes referrals from the Child Welfare and Work First programs and will require a coordinated approach to submitting one agency response. We are interested in making the referral process as streamlined as possible and are interested in providing information to improve access to services.

The survey should take less than 10 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.ncsurveymax.org/lp.aspx?id=BEFS>

The survey will be open through August 31, 2009. The results of the survey will be shared with the state level Domestic Violence Child Welfare Group and will be posted on the Division's website on the Statistics/Review page in September 2009. Thanks for you time and attention to this request. Please contact Candice Britt at [candice.britt@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:candice.britt@dhhs.nc.gov) or 919-334-1138 if you have questions.

Sincerely,



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