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To: Family and Child Serving Agencies

From: Angela Sausser-Short, OFCF Director

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Date: December 30, 2011

RE: Family Friendliness Survey of Ohio's Service Providers

Enclosed please find a courtesy copy of a survey designed to help the Ohio Family and Child First (OFCF) Family Engagement Committee identify training for service providers on family engagement. In 2008, the OFCF Cabinet Council recognized the need to strengthen family engagement throughout Ohio. In order to accomplish this goal, it established the Family Engagement Steering Committee which identified three critical areas of focus: (1) parent/professional partnerships; (2) parent advocacy; and, (3) improved communication and coordination of family engagement resources.

Research supports that active family involvement improves service outcomes. The enclosed survey attempts to gather information regarding the "family friendliness" of Ohio's service providers. The survey was adapted from the Family Friendly Check List developed by the Family Support Council funded by a grant from the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. The Family Engagement Committee will use the information to identify training needs that would enhance the family engagement skills of professionals working with families. Please note that no identifiable information is collected in the survey.

Please encourage your staff, consumers, and caretakers to take the online survey which can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PLPDVD6>. While we prefer the survey be taken on-line, it is understood that some do not have access to a computer. The survey is available as a PDF file at: <http://www.fcf.ohio.gov/dotAsset/15092.pdf>.

Please feel free to distribute hard copies of the survey and once completed it may be submitted to Steve Hanson, Children, Families, and the Courts Section, The Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Please complete the survey by February 17, 2012.

Agencies may find this survey to be a useful self-assessment tool when examining their practices. Feel free to duplicate it as needed to collect information from your staff and consumers.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Hanson at 614-387-9387. Thank you for your consideration and assistance with this survey. If you would like more information about the OFCF Family Engagement Steering Committee, please [click here](#) or visit: <http://www.fcf.ohio.gov/initiatives/family-engagement.dot>.