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Subject: 2024 Foster/Adoptive Parent Survey

The attached file is being sent out at the request of the Division of Family Services to child placing agencies from the Virginia Department of Social Services Email Distribution Service.

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The purpose of this announcement is to inform licensed child-placing agencies (LCPA) of a survey for Virginia's approved foster and adoptive families. Please provide this link, [2024 Resource Parent Survey](#), to approved foster and adoptive parents. The survey will take approximately 14 minutes to complete, and each family should respond once. The deadline for completion of the survey is **February 26, 2024**.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will not have access to the identity of families who respond. Survey results will provide regional and statewide data related to the demographics of Virginia's foster and adoptive families, the profile of children that families are serving, and in-service training needs. Data gathered from the survey will be included in Virginia's Annual Report on the Five-Year State Plan for Child and Family Services that is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This survey is conducted by VDSS, Division of Family Services (DFS), and DFS will collect the survey data to draft the Five-Year State Plan for Child and Family Services. DFS will survey local department of social services approved kinship, foster, and adoptive families to include their data in the state plan.

Here is a template you may use when you send the survey link to your approved foster and adoptive parents:

We are sending you the link to the [2024 Resource Parent Survey](#), which is intended to reach all foster and adoptive parents in Virginia to better understand and support the foster and adoptive families who serve Virginia's children in foster care. The survey will take **approximately 14 minutes to complete**, and each family should respond once. The deadline for completion of the survey is **February 26, 2024**. Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential and the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will not have access to the identity of families who respond. Survey results will provide VDSS with regional and statewide data related to the demographics of Virginia's foster and adoptive families, the profile of children that families are committed to serving, and any training needs. Data gathered from the survey will be included in Virginia's Annual Report on the Five-Year State Plan for Child and Family Services that is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

If you have questions, please contact Julia Rubarth, VDSS Family Engagement and Resource Family Policy Specialist at julia.rubarth@dss.virginia.gov.