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TO: Executive Directors, Behavioral Health Directors
Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHAs)
NorthSTAR
North Texas Behavioral Health Authority (NTBHA) and Value Options

From: Ross Robinson, Director 
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Division, Program Services Section

Subject: Trauma Informed Care Workforce Survey

The Texas Children Recovering From Trauma initiative of the Department of State Health Services promotes a statewide transformation towards trauma informed care. This initiative is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Consistent with these efforts to enhance and inform the pilot phase of this transformation, a readiness assessment of trauma informed care needs to be completed. This will create a baseline for the development of a strategic plan for the transformation, assist to better serve individuals who have experienced trauma, and support the workforce in community mental health centers and specialty network providers.

This readiness assessment includes a short online survey to assess the workforce for knowledge and priorities regarding trauma informed care at their organization. This online survey is intended to be distributed to all staff throughout your entire organization regardless of the department in which they work, and should include all staff and volunteers (e.g. direct care, indirect care administrative, executive, IT, security and any other support staff). The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The completion of the survey is voluntary and all information is anonymous. Staff may decline to answer any question or choose not to complete the survey at all.

Please note that the survey must be completed by Monday, September 29th, 2014.

Please distribute the following message to your entire workforce:

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direct care staff, indirect care staff, IT staff, administration, executives, security and any other support staff). The results of this survey will assist DSHS to develop plans to support our workforce to better serve individuals impacted by trauma.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The completion of the survey is voluntary and all information is anonymous. You may decline to answer any question or choose not to complete the survey at all.

To participate in the survey, click on the following link:

https://utexas.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0etLANRgAx1YAeN

Please complete the survey by Monday, September 29th, 2014.

Thank you.

Questions about the workforce survey or this trauma informed care initiative may be directed to Marisol Acosta, Marisol.Acosta@dshs.texas.gov or 512-26-4830.