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To: Chief Executives/ Executive Directors of Idaho Mental Health Provider Agencies
From: Ross Edmunds, Administrator
Subject: YES Workforce Development Survey

Dear Idaho Mental Health Provider,

I am writing to request your help with an important study being conducted by Boise State University and Rider Consulting on behalf of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to better understand the strengths and needs of Idaho's mental health services workforce. As you know, the State of Idaho will soon be implementing a children's mental health system transformation called Youth Empowerment Services or YES (<http://youthempowermentservices.idaho.gov/>). In order to effectively implement this system transformation, it is critical that we begin with a clear understanding of the services our State's workforce provides, the types of services they could provide with the proper resources, and challenges to maintaining the workforce. Your responses are critical to helping YES succeed.

Within the next few days you will receive an email inviting you or your designee to participate in an online survey that asks about these issues. We would like to do everything we can to make it easy and enjoyable for you or your designee to participate in this study. This research can only be successful with the generous help of providers like you.

The results of this research will be presented in aggregate to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and will be used to help make system-level changes that support providers in delivering services to youth. I hope you will take 20 minutes of your time to help us. Most of all, I hope that you enjoy the opportunity to share your experiences and voice your ideas regarding Idaho's mental health workforce.

Best wishes,

Ross Edmunds, Administrator
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