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TO: Directors, Public Children Service Agencies
Currently deployed in SACWIS

FROM: Sandra T. Holt
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RE: Survey - Kinship/Relative placements within SACWIS

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has re-enabled the ability for counties to enter kinship/relative assessments within SACWIS. The relative home approval process is governed by OAC 5101:2-42-18 "PCSA and PCPA approval of placements with relative and nonrelative substitute caregivers" and is less extensive than what is required for licensed foster/adoptive homes using the JFS 01673.

The Office for Children and Families Child Welfare Policy and SACWIS staff are conducting a survey of the deployed PCSAs to gain a perspective on how kinship/relative assessments are being addressed in those counties.

Please click on this link http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2fY2Yz5lZiXBdc9k2_2fDvag_3d_3d to complete the survey. The survey is due by Friday, December 28th. If you have questions regarding the survey, please contact Darlene Dalton at daltod@odjfs.state.oh.us. Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work.

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