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DATE: October 15, 2008

TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors

FROM: Margaret C. Carpenter, Administrator 

SUBJECT: County Use of Risk & Needs Assessment and Classification Tools

Attached is a survey regarding the county use of Risk & Needs Assessment and Classification tools. The purpose of this survey is to gather more complete and current information about the use of these tools across the state and to see which counties would be willing to participate in a re-validation effort of the Wisconsin Delinquency Risk & Needs Assessment and Classification tools. The formation of this survey was a joint effort by DJC and the Technical Advisory Committee.

This information will be used both by the Division and by counties.

Please respond via email by November 7, 2008 to: Jocelyn Petersen at:
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Court-attached juvenile court intake offices

- 7) If your county is not using a Delinquency Risk Assessment tool, are you considering implementing one? Yes (If yes, please specify which tool)
 No
- 8) Do staff in your county need training on the use of the Wisconsin Delinquency Risk & Need Classification systems? Yes No NA (don't use tools)
- 9) Any comments or suggestions about the use of Delinquency Risk/Need Assessment tools?
- 10) If the Division of Juvenile Corrections proceeds with the re-validation of the Wisconsin Delinquency Risk & Need Classification tools, would your county be willing to participate with the re-validation by providing case-specific data on risk assessment scores? (If yes, would that data be provided through your automated system or paper?)
 Yes automated
 No paper

County Name: _____

Name of person completing the survey: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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