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To: CAW Providers

From: Jeff Sturm, DDP Director

Subject: Data Collection for Children Exiting the Children's Autism Waiver

When the CAW began, DPHHS determined it would be necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Thus, in order to report to the 2013 legislature, collecting data on children completing CAW services is essential.

Although some preliminary data has been collected, this data has not been collected systematically. Much of the data to be used in this evaluation can be culled from the data that DPHHS already collects; however, much of the most important child data will need to be collected and submitted by the CAW providers. By providing complete data sets in a timely manner, DDP will be able to demonstrate the effectiveness of the services and thus work to maintain and possibly increase funding.

For the first round of children now exiting the CAW, the information you provide needs to be sent directly to the DDP Central Office where it will be compiled in a central database. Future data collection efforts may look at other data collection portals.

For all CAW children, at exit please send the following information:

- CARS score at exit*
- Vineland II scores at exit*
- Curriculum measures scores (i.e., project data, AEPS, ABLLS, etc.) – send all 3 years*
- Developmental assessment scores – same assessment each year for all 3 years*
- Copies of all IFSPs
- Copies of all Autism Training Plans
- Client Progress Summary form filled out at exit
- Evidence-Based Practices Checklist
- Parent Stress Index – long form – one form for each parent

*Cover sheet and scoring summary are sufficient – no need to send the exam or scoring form

Any question about this evaluation procedure can be addressed to Ann Garfinkle (ann.garfinkle@mso.umt.edu).

All information requested should be submitted to Jackie Emerson, DDP Central Office, 111 Sanders, Room 305, PO Box 4210, Helena, MT 59634-4210. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie at 444-4088.