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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Date: April 16, 2021

To: Children's Residential Facilities
Licensed Child Placing Agencies

From: Division of Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services

Re: Assessing Capacity for Placement of Migrant Children/Youth Survey

VDSS has been contacted by the US Department of Health and Human Services Children's Bureau with a request for assistance in placing the increasing numbers of unaccompanied minors crossing our nation's border. The Children's Bureau is in the process of contacting states for voluntary assistance in providing shelter and care for these children on a temporary basis. In order to respond to the Children's Bureau, Virginia is assessing current capacity and willingness of providers to provide assistance. The Children's Bureau indicates that providers would need to be willing to provide a minimum of a 60-day placement, possibly longer.

VDSS is requesting your participation in a survey to allow us to assess current potential capacity and availability to provide care. Your participation in this survey does not create any obligation for future care, even if you indicate your agency has potential capacity for placement.

The majority of the youth needing placement are teen males (70%) from ages 15-17 while the remaining 30% are younger children, sibling groups, and pregnant/parenting teens. Placements will be federally funded. More information is forthcoming on the need for an emergency federal contract. Agencies will need to provide case management and education as these children will not be enrolled in school.

Please respond to the survey by **Friday, April 23, 2021**. Please contact Brenda Sampe at b.sampe@dss.virginia.gov if you have any questions.

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