To: DCF Area Administrators
   Child Placing Agency Directors
   Child Welfare Agency Directors
   County Departments of Community Programs Directors
   County Departments of Human Services Directors
   County Departments of Social Services Directors
   Group Home Providers
   Tribal Social Service/Indian Child Welfare Directors
   Private Child Placing Agencies
   Residential Care Center Providers
   Shelter Care Providers
   Tribal Chairpersons

From: Fredi-Ellen Bove
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Re: Serving Immigrant and Refugee Families: Statewide Survey Results

PURPOSE

This memo provides the results and other information from the statewide survey conducted regarding services to immigrant and refugee children and families in the child welfare system.

BACKGROUND

In September, 2011, a statewide survey (consisting of 13 questions) was distributed by the Workgroup on Safety and Well-Being for Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families using the online resource Survey Monkey. The survey posed questions to identify existing resources and tools, as well as gaps in resources, policy, and programs throughout the state for effectively serving immigrant and refugee children and families in the child welfare system. The Survey was shared with counties statewide as well as with members of the Case Process Committee. The online survey was completed by 158 people representing over 30 counties. A written version of the survey was also completed by participants at a statewide training on immigration and child welfare held in the Wisconsin Dells on October 4, 2011.

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