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Dear Colleague,

We are writing to invite you to share your knowledge and opinions about needs related to the health of women, children, adolescents, and children with special health needs – the maternal and child populations residing in Oregon. We have found that surveying providers and partners who work with these populations is a key part of understanding these needs and establishing priorities for programs and resources. We would appreciate your responding to a brief (15-20 minutes) online survey [Title V Partner Survey] by August 21, 2014. Please forward the attached cover letter and survey link to your partners and/or colleagues who work with Oregon’s women, children, adolescents and families.

This survey is part of a needs assessment being conducted by The Oregon Health Authority – Maternal & Child Health Section (MCH) and Oregon Health & Sciences University – Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (OCCYSHN). The needs assessment is required every five-years as part of Oregon’s Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant. This assessment will help determine priorities and action plans for 2011 - 2016 for programs and activities at the state and local levels for maternal health, child health, and health of children/youth with special health needs. Needs assessment findings will be shared with our partners and stakeholders to support their work with Oregon’s children and families.

Please contact Fred King (FREDRICK.W.KING@state.or.us), if you have questions about the survey, the needs assessment or the Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant.

Thank you very much for your work with children and families and for your assistance with this effort to improve services to them.

Sincerely,

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