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April 2, 2014

Annie Jensen, Vice President of Operations, Burrell Behavioral Health
Becky Markt, Director, Youth Community Coalition
Belinda Masters, Parents as Teachers Coordinator, Columbia School District
Cheryl Howard, Director, Nora Stewart
Christine Corcoran, Regional Director, Lutheran Family and Children's Services
Chuck Daugherty, Executive Director, ACT Missouri
Crystal Perkins, Boone County Chapter Coordinator, MADD of Mid-Missouri
Darin Preis, Executive Director, Central Missouri Community Action
Eduardo Crespi, Director, Centro Latino
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Isabel Rife, Project Director, Project LAUNCH
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Jan Stock, Executive Director, Rainbow House
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Karen Smith, Parents as Teachers Educator, Hallsville R-VIII School District
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Mary Ann Sander, Parents as Teachers Coordinator, Centralia R-VI School District
Mary Windmiller, Administrator, Children's House Montessori
Meg Bartlette, Executive Director, Mary Lee Johnston Learning Center
Mel Fetter, Chief Executive Officer, Pathways Community Health
Nick Foster, Executive Director, Voluntary Action Center
Pam Ingram, Director, Granny's House
Pam Osman, Director, Adventure Club
Phil Peters, Director, Cradle to Career
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Shawn Schultz, Parents as Teacher Educator, Sturgeon R-V School District
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Suzanne Haugen, Parents as Teachers Educator, Southern Boone County R-I School District
Valorie Livingstone, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club

FROM: Jacqueline Schumacher, Consultant, Boone County Children's Services Board

RE: Invitation to the April 10, 2014 Community Input Session

Dear Service Provider,

The Boone County Children's Services Board (BCCSB) is taking steps to gather information about children's services in Boone County. The Chairman, Mr. Les Wagner, and his eight-member board seek targeted information from the perspective of local providers whose services and programming align with Missouri Statutes 67 & 210. With assistance from the Institute of Public Policy in the Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri, the Board is organizing a series of five community input sessions, one of which you are specifically invited to attend.

The organization and variety of community input sessions are driven exclusively by the funding statutes. For clarification, Missouri Statute 67 authorizes a local sales tax of one-quarter of one cent to be levied by



Missouri counties for the purpose of establishing a Children’s Services Fund. This tax was made possible in Boone County following voter approval on November 6, 2012 and is estimated to raise \$6.5 million dollars annually. According to Missouri Statute 210, the Children’s Services Fund may be expensed to purchase the following services for children age 0-19 within Boone County:

Service Funding Categories

1. Up to thirty days of temporary shelter for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless or emotionally disturbed youth
2. Respite care services
3. Services to unwed mothers and unmarried parent services
4. Outpatient chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs
5. Counseling and related services as a part of transitional living programs
6. Home-based family intervention programs
7. Community-based family intervention programs
8. Crisis intervention services (inclusive of telephone hotlines)
9. Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families
10. Professional counseling and therapy services for individuals, groups, or families
11. Psychological evaluations
12. Mental health screenings

You have been identified as a service provider whose services apply to funding Category #9 (prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles for individuals, groups, or families). You, or a representative from your agency, are invited to participate in the Boone County Children Services Board meeting at **4:30 PM on April 10, 2014** in the Boone County Commission Chambers (RM 110) at 811 East Walnut, Columbia, Missouri 65201. This input session will address the topic of *Primary Prevention* as it applies to Category #9.

During the input session, you will be asked five questions (described in the table on the following page). Your answers should be thoughtful, although brief. It is important the Board understands your service area’s collective perspective and not simply agency-specific information. Please keep in mind, **your invitation to address the Board is not an opportunity to express your agency’s need for funding**. Rather, the focus of your time addressing the board should center on your answers to the five pre-established questions.

Your individual response time to these questions will range between a total of three and eight minutes. This time frame depends on the number of input session attendees. Therefore, please **RSVP** to schumacherja@missouri.edu by Friday, April 4, 2014. If possible, I will be in touch with you before the input session to confirm the amount of time you will have to answer the five questions listed on the following table.



BOONE COUNTY CHILDREN’S SERVICE BOARD COMMUNITY INPUT SCHEDULE			
DATE	Service Area	Funding Category	Questions
April 10	Primary Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category #9: Prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles for individuals, groups, or families 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) What are the top two issues you feel need to be addressed in your service population for primary prevention? 2) Are there systemic obstacles to your success when working with primary prevention services? 3) Where is the gap in your primary prevention services? 4) What is a quantitative measure of your success when working with primary prevention services? 5) Please describe potential collaborations you envision for addressing challenges in the primary prevention service area.

We look forward to hearing from your agency next month. Do not hesitate to reach out to me for further information.

Please RSVP by April 4, 2014

Sincerely,

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