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Dear Colleagues,

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has embarked on its ninth year of the National Core Indicators Project (NCI). The Core Indicators are standard measures used across the states to assess the outcomes of services provided to individuals and families. Participating in NCI helps DODD measure system performance and collects a tremendous amount of systems-level data that we use to monitor, make decisions, allocate resources, and develop plans to improve the quality of life for the people we serve. Within Ohio, over 700 adult consumers, both those living in ICF/IDDs and those receiving home and community based services, were randomly selected to participate annually.

This year, The Ohio State University Nisonger Center has been asked to use the National Core Indicators to gather information on behalf of DODD. Nisonger Center is taking a different approach than past years to create a more comfortable environment for people to answer the questions. Nisonger Center has hired a team of primarily self-advocates and family members to conduct conversations throughout the state to ask these National Core Indicator questions. By having peer-to-peer conversations, participants are better able to relate and share their experiences.

As a part of the NCI process, your staff may be asked to review and gather information for a few individuals who were selected to be a part of this project. Participation is voluntary, however, people who participate in these conversations are a tremendous help and their time and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

You can read the most recent NCI report as well as other resources created specifically for the state of Ohio on DODD's website: <http://dodd.ohio.gov/Initiatives-and-Partnerships/Pages/NCI.aspx> and on the Nisonger Center's website: <http://nisonger.osu.edu/NCI>. The National Core Indicators (NCI) Survey is being collected in 43 of 50 states.

Thank you for your assistance in collecting this information, we look forward to working with you. If you have questions, please contact Annamarie Sigman at Annamarie.Sigman@osumc.edu

Sincerely,

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