

ATTACHMENT A: EMAIL REQUESTING PARTICIPATION

Hello,

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is seeking your assistance with the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH). The NSDUH is the primary source of statistical information on substance use and mental health in the U.S. population ages 12 and older. It is sponsored by SAMHSA and conducted by RTI International. In a continuing effort to provide the most current and relevant data, we are collecting information through a short web-based survey on how NSDUH stakeholders use the data. The survey will only take about 15 minutes of your time. The information you provide will be used to inform SAMHSA decisions regarding the design of future NSDUH surveys and the content of future State data reports.

As a State user of substance use and mental health data, your input into this process will be very useful. We would greatly appreciate your taking a few minutes to complete the online survey at []. You will need to enter the username and password found at the end of this email. The survey asks whether and how you use NSDUH data, what data are the most useful, reasons for non-use of the NSDUH data and what changes would be most useful to your organization. The input you provide will mainly be used by SAMHSA, but aggregate or state-level data may also be shared with other Federal agencies that are involved in the NSDUH design. If the report summarizing the survey results is provided to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), it may be placed on a public website along with other materials submitted as part of the review process for future NSDUH surveys. Answers may be attributed to your state, but will not be attributed directly to you.

If you think there is someone else who can provide additional feedback on your organization's data needs, you will have an opportunity to provide this information in the survey. If you have any questions or would like to complete the survey over the phone, please contact Patty LeBaron at RTI International at plebaron@rti.org or 1-800-334-8571, extension 25204 between 8:15 and 5:00 CST. We look forward to receiving your responses by **May 30, 2008**.

[REPEAT SURVEY LINK HERE]

USERNAME:

PASSWORD:

Sincerely,

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This email was sent by RTI International on behalf of Peter Delany and Anne Herron.