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Dear Early Care and Education Program Director:

The *Childcare Survey of Activity and Wellness (C-SAW)*, sponsored by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is a pilot study about early childhood wellness practices and policies of childcare centers and preschool programs, including Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. Recognizing the effects that COVID-19 has had on child care, the survey includes a section about ways your program may have been impacted by the pandemic. Your answers, combined with others in your state, can help early care and education programs better understand the resources that centers need to help children be healthy and develop to their full potential. Westat, a research firm, is conducting the survey.

C-SAW is being piloted in four states. <STATE OR TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS> are endorsing the survey and encourage you to participate. While voluntary, your participation is key to the success of this important study!

The survey should be completed by the person responsible for overseeing the early care and education program at this location (e.g., center director or preschool administrator). Please answer the questions only as they apply to children ages 0 – 5, but not yet in kindergarten. The survey takes an average of 40 minutes to complete.

When completing the survey, you will need: (1) the menu from the previous week for food served to children ages 0-5 if your program provides food; and (2) your program’s written guidelines, rules and policies.

Westat will not reveal the identities of survey respondents or their organizations to CDC or any other agency. Information you provide will be kept private to the extent permitted by law. Your input can help improve the resources and supports for childcare centers in [STATE].

As a “thank you” for completing the survey, we will give you a \$20 gift card to use for your early childhood education program.

Please complete this survey by <DEADLINE> by going to the website and entering your access code to begin.

Website: <http://>
Access code: (PIN #)

If you have any questions, need assistance, or would prefer to complete a paper questionnaire, please contact us at 1-855-960-2707 or via email at Support@cdc-csaw.org. Thank you for taking part in this important survey!

Sincerely,

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