

April 7, 2020

Dear Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Director,

I am writing to request your participation in the 2020 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS), sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and conducted by Mathematica Policy Research.

The N-SSATS collects data from all known substance use treatment facilities in the United States and its jurisdictions. **Your participation in the N-SSATS ensures an accurate representation of substance use treatment services in Louisiana.**

We endorse this legitimate and important survey of SUD treatment providers. Completion of the N-SSATS informs analyses and reports describing substance use treatment in Louisiana and across the United States. **Additionally, your facility benefits from participation because the results of this survey feed into SAMHSA's Treatment Locator, <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/>, which allows Louisianans in need to identify and contact substance use treatment resources in their communities.**

We urge your prompt participation. Facilities not currently enrolled to participate in N-SSATS may begin the process by completing the online application: <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/locator/link-App.html#Xos2AW5Fw2w>. Vetted facilities will receive the N-SSATS from Mathematica Policy Research.

Facilities currently listed in N-SSATS may update their information via this link: <https://info.nssats.com/>. You will find helpful features this year to help make completion easier.

Staff knowledgeable about your facility's daily operations should complete the survey. If your facility no longer provides substance use treatment services, has had an address change, or if you have any questions about the survey, please call the N-SSATS helpline at 1-888-324-8337 or send an email to nssatsweb@mathematica-mpr.com.

If you have questions about whether your facility qualifies for inclusion, please contact:

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Thank you very much for your participation in this essential effort.

Sincerely,

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