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Dear Investigator:

You are being invited to participate in an important national study about the use of Differential Response (DR) in child protective services. This study is being conducted by Dr. Tamara Fuller of the Children and Family Research Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Illinois is one of three national demonstration sites selected by the National Quality Improvement Center on Differential Response (QIC-DR) to conduct a rigorous evaluation of DR that will advance our knowledge about this approach to working with families. Your opinion as an Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Investigator is very important to us.

The Children and Family Research Center of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the independent evaluator of this research project. There are a number of parts to the evaluation. At this stage, we are asking you to participate in a survey designed to gather information about the workers' general knowledge, skills, attitudes and experiences about their work including some specific questions about Differential Response. *We are interested in the opinions of all workers, whether they have had direct experience with Differential Response or not.*

This study involves minimal risk to you. You are under no obligation to participate in this survey and your decision will not impact your employment. Your participation is completely voluntary, but it is very important for the study to be successful. While every question is important to us as researchers, you can refuse to answer any question in the survey if you so choose. To participate in the survey, please click on the following link, or enter the web address into your browser: <http://ineval.cfrc.illinois.edu/DR/CW/>

The first thing you will see is a form entitled "Informed Consent" that explains your rights as a person taking this survey. It is important for you to read this form very carefully. If, after reading your rights, you agree to participate in the survey, please answer each question on the consent form, acknowledge your consent by typing your name and date, and hit the submit button to go to the survey. The survey should take about 20-30 minutes to complete. All information and data obtained will be strictly confidential. No one outside of the Children and Family Research Center will ever know what any individual participant submitted. No names will be reported with any of the information received. Individual answers will be combined and reported only in summary form.

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Your assistance is greatly appreciated. We appreciate all you do to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and families entrusted to your care. If you have any questions about the study, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your help with this important national study.

Very truly yours,

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