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Dear Colleagues,

Each quarter you provide to us data on your performance and I would like to thank you for the diligence and hard work you put forth to get this done. Most importantly, the data we collect is consistently demonstrating the dedication and compassion you, your staff, and countless volunteers have for helping children of prisoners be matched with caring adult mentors in their communities. I would like to share with you some information from the data collected through quarterly reports and the Relationship Quality Instrument, which is administered annually.

Early information indicates that as of March 31, 2007, the Mentoring Children of Prisoners program had matched approximately 57,000 children with compassionate adult mentors. During Fiscal Year 2006 (October, 2005 – September, 2006), the program demonstrated the following results:

- 30.5% of all children in mentoring relationships were male; 38.6% of mentors were male;
- 69.1% of all children in mentoring relationships were female; 62.4% of mentors were female;
- 10.8 years was the average age of a child being mentored;
- 4.7 hours was the average training time a mentor received before being matched; 3.5 hours was the average training time a mentor received after being matched.

Last year we began the first data collection for the Relationship Quality Instrument. We are very pleased to share with you preliminary analysis that respondents reported an average score of “3.6” on a four-point scale for the overall quality of their mentor relationship; where “4” represents the ideal outcome for a positive mentoring relationship.

Your continued help in supporting the relationships we are all working to build for children of prisoners is critical to future successes. Please never hesitate to contact your project officer here in FYSB should you need any assistance. If you have any questions regarding the data collection, please contact Stan Chappell at Stan.Chappell@acf.hhs.gov. For technical issues, please contact app_support@acf.hhs.gov or call 1-866-577-0771.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Wilson".

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