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Dear Facility Director:

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is an annual survey sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). N-SSATS collects data from every known substance abuse treatment facility in the country. The data collected include information about facility characteristics, the types of services offered, and the number of clients receiving substance abuse services at this facility on March 31, 2011.

Federal, State, and local administrators use the N-SSATS data to help make informed decisions about future treatment program improvements, and your participation is needed to ensure that substance abuse treatment in your area will be properly represented. The data collected are also used to update the *National Directory of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Treatment Programs* and the online Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator, found at <http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>. Facilities that participate in the 2011 N-SSATS, and are designated as eligible by their State substance abuse agency, can choose to be listed in both the 2012 *Directory* and the online Locator.

In early April, you will receive a packet from Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ. The packet will include instructions for completing the questionnaire on the Internet. The Internet is the easiest and most convenient way for you to complete the 2011 N-SSATS. If you completed the 2010 N-SSATS, you will find that responses to questions that typically do not change from year to year are pre-filled with your 2010 responses. For those questions, you are asked to confirm that the information is still current and accurate or to update the responses as needed. If for any reason you cannot complete the N-SSATS on the Internet, a paper copy can be provided upon request. If you have any questions about the survey, please call the N-SSATS helpline at **1-888-324-8337**.

We look forward to your participation in the 2011 N-SSATS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter J. Delany".

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