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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 each facility on March 31, 2011.

This year, SAMHSA is also conducting the **2011 Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Survey**. The data from the OTP survey will provide practitioners and state and Federal officials with a better understanding of the types of treatments and services available, staffing and patient characteristics, and organizational features specific to OTPs. Findings from this voluntary OTP survey will supplement information collected by the annual N-SSATS and will be published by SAMHSA in a separate report on Opioid Treatment Programs.

All of the approximately 1,200 substance abuse treatment facilities recognized by SAMHSA as operating a certified OTP, have been selected to participate in this first ever OTP Supplemental Questionnaire. Your responses will be completely confidential. The data will be published in aggregate form only and your facility's individual answers will not be identifiable.

In early April, you will receive a packet from Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ. This packet will include instructions for completing both the N-SSATS and OTP surveys on the Internet. The Internet is the easiest and most convenient way for you to complete these two surveys. As a help to you, if you completed the N-SSATS last year, you will find that responses to questions that typically do not change from year to year are pre-filled with your 2010 responses. If for any reason you cannot complete the N-SSATS and the OTP surveys on the Internet, a paper copy can be provided upon request. If you have questions about either survey, please contact the Helpline at **1-888-324-8337** or visit <http://info.nssats.com>.

We look forward to your participation in the N-SSATS and OTP surveys in April.

Sincerely,

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

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