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**Dear Agency or Organization Representative:**

Thank-you for considering how to help the **Alabama Lifespan Respite Care Coalition** with a statewide needs assessment to be administered to family caregivers and respite service providers in our state! Family caregivers of individuals with disabilities and chronic illnesses and respite service providers are invited to complete a survey about respite services. Respite is temporary relief for caregivers of individuals of all ages with disabilities or chronic illnesses who live at home. Alabama Dept of Senior Services received a federal award to plan and implement respite services for family caregivers.

A first step was forming a statewide coalition of state and private agencies. The next step is to gather information about available resources and unmet needs. Senior Services contracted with UAB to conduct this survey. This is NOT an experimental or clinical study. Broad participation is important to help us plan for respite services for family caregivers!

A decision whether to participate in the survey will not affect eligibility to receive agency assistance. Responses are private. Group data will be reported in a summary document.

**Family Caregivers** may reply online to the survey at link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S7Q9FTG>

**Respite Service Providers** may reply online at link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SDFLNP6>

Agencies and individuals may receive printed surveys by contacting Dr. Brian F. Geiger [Email: [bgeiger@uab.edu](mailto:bgeiger@uab.edu)] or Dr. Marcia O'Neal [Email: [moneal@uab.edu](mailto:moneal@uab.edu)], or tel. 205-975-5388.

Sincerely,

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Letter4: Agency recruitment

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