Center Conducts Statewide Needs Assessment on Autism

The Center for Disabilities Studies is conducting a statewide needs assessment survey for families and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). The needs assessment, which includes a survey and listening sessions, will be used to inform a statewide planning process to improve the system of services to individuals with ASD. CDS received a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration to act as state lead for the statewide planning process.

Parents, guardians and individuals with ASD are encouraged to complete a survey to share their opinions about the quality of the health and education services they receive, as well as the factors that influence the life of their child or their own life. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete. Input will be completely anonymous.

Families and individuals are also invited to join one of the listening sessions that will take place around the state in January and February 2012. Dinner and a stipend will be provided to participants.

If you are interested in participating in a listening session in Newark, Middletown, Dover or Georgetown or if you have any questions about the survey, contact Annalisa Ekbladh at 302-831-0626 or annalisa@udel.edu.

The anonymous link for families of school age children with autism (ages 3 to 21) is:
English: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/autism_youth
Spanish: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/autismo_joven

The anonymous link for families of adult children with autism is:
English: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/autism_adult
Spanish: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/autismo_adulto

The anonymous link for adults with autism (who wish to fill out the survey themselves) is:
English only: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/autism_adult-individual