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To: Executive Directors, Local Mental Health Authorities  
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Re: Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA)/Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Technical Assistance Webinars

In September 2013, the Department of State Health Services began hosting ANSA/CANS Technical Assistance (TA) conference calls and webinars. Recently, the structure of the webinars has changed to include sample cases and assessment scoring practice.

At this time, the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is making efforts to assess provider needs regarding these webinars. Please follow the link to take a brief survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/ANyvsQXoSrvP5tF32>. Please note that the link is case sensitive. The goals of this survey are to:

- 1) Identify needs and areas for improvement
- 2) Increase effectiveness and attendance

HHSC wants to know how to better meet your needs with the technical assistance offered. Please complete the survey by **October 14, 2016**. ANSA/CANS Technical Assistance webinars will continue monthly while we evaluate the results.

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