

# DEKALB COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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**4,000 DEKALB COUNTY HOMES RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY. NEEDS ASSESSMENT WILL GUIDE DEKALB COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD PLANNING AND ALLOCATIONS. RESIDENTS URGED TO RETURN SURVEY.**

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One in ten homes across DeKalb County is receiving a survey in the mail this week from the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board. Results of the survey will draw a “picture” of the prevalence of mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities among county residents as well as the use of and need for services. The Board will then use the results for planning, coordinating and funding services. The views and experiences of all families are important, whether anyone in your home has needs or has used services.

Surveys are anonymous when returned in the business reply envelope.

Full participation by the randomly chosen households is vital says Board President Charles G. Rose so that we can get an accurate description of needs. Few such local surveys of mental health needs, views and experiences have been conducted.

The study will also include compilation of mental health data, interviews with knowledgeable persons and focus groups of individuals using services.

“Help Us To Help You” is the theme of the assessment.

The Mental Health Board has engaged Health Systems Research at the University of Illinois College of Medicine to develop, conduct and analyze results of the survey.