

Table 6

Level of County Flexibility in Adjusting to State Mandates

	<i>Type of Respondent</i> (mean scores)				
	All Respondents*	County Commissioners	County Managers	DSS Directors	DSS Board Chairs
Level of County Flexibility	4.1	3.5	3.5	5.6	4.7
	N ≅ 205	N ≅ 90	N ≅ 38	N ≅ 33	N ≅ 44

Responses scored from 0 to 7, with 0 = no influence, 1 = low influence, and 7 = high influence.

*Question: To what degree, if any, has **county-level flexibility** (allowed by the state) helped your county adjust to these mandates?

Source: Odum IRSS UNC-CH; Tracking County Responses to Welfare Reform Project, 2000