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**NYS OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
COMMISSIONER CARRIÓN ALLOCATES MORE THAN \$800,000
TO COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Allocation Will Provide Child Protective Services Offices with
Domestic Violence Advocates**

New York State Office of Children and Family Services Commissioner Gladys Carrión, Esq., today allocated \$823,893 to fund domestic violence advocates at 11 child protective services (CPS) offices across the state.

“Many child protective services cases – from 30 to 60 percent – also involve domestic violence,” said Commissioner Carrión. “This important program allows domestic violence advocates to participate in home visits and cross training, and to work jointly with CPS caseworkers to develop safety plans with battered spouses and their children, enhancing child safety.”

Amy Barasch, Esq., Executive Director of the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, said: “We are extremely pleased that Commissioner Carrión is able to continue to support these programs. These collaborations offer an excellent model of coordinated service aimed at keeping victims and their children safe. Each year, OPDV trains dozens of child protective workers to better identify domestic violence in their caseloads.”

These funds are being made available to continue and/or enhance existing successful DV/CPS collaborations and/or start new programs. As a result of these programs, CPS workers are learning more about domestic violence dynamics, philosophies and appropriate interventions for victims of domestic violence and their children, while DV workers are learning more about CPS mandates and responsibilities.

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Grants have been awarded to the following counties:

COUNTY	PROVIDER	GRANT
Albany	Equinox, Inc.	\$53,315
Allegany	Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development Corporation	\$89,500
Broome	SOS Shelter, Inc.	\$41,315
Livingston	Chances and Changes, Inc.	\$41,430
Nassau	Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Inc	\$100,000
Onondaga	Vera House, Inc.	\$52,075
Orange	Safe Homes of Orange County	\$95,000
Oswego	Oswego County Opportunities, Inc.	\$95,000
Rensselaer	Unity House of Troy, Inc.	\$79,092
Suffolk	Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk, Inc.	\$95,000
Westchester	My Sisters' Place	\$82,166

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