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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Transmittal No: 91 LCM-27

Date: February 22, 1991

Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) Program
Forums

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda - available on-line.

On behalf of the U.S. Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services, we would like to invite a representative from your agency to attend a Regional Forum on the implementation of the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) Program.

A federal and State workgroup has developed the attached agenda which is designed to accomplish several key goals:

- provide program and policy information on the JOBS Program in New York State;
- bring key players together to discuss interagency and coordination issues;
- develop a framework for identifying and addressing local JOBS implementation issues; and
- identify the best practices in place for application to other localities.

Key staff involved in the operation of the JOBS Program, as well as other programs which serve welfare recipients, are invited to attend. These meetings, which are being presented in conjunction with the New York State Departments of Social Services, Education, and Labor, the Job Training Partnership Council and the New York Association of Employment and Training Professionals are scheduled for:

March 6, 1991
10 AM to 3 PM

Sheraton Inn
7th North Street
Electronic Parkway
Syracuse/Liverpool, New York
(315) 457-1122

March 15, 1991
10 AM to 3 PM

One World Trade Center
55th Floor
World Trade Institute Conference Room
New York, New York

Lunch will be provided; however, attendees, will be responsible for their own accommodations and travel expenses.

To guarantee sufficient space, please make reservations for local social services district staff to attend by calling Joyce Perry, Bureau of Employment Programs at 1-800-342-4100, extension 4-9229. Reservations must be received by February 28 for the Syracuse session and by March 8 for the New York City session.

Any questions concerning these forums should also be directed to Ms. Perry.

New York's success in moving welfare recipients to self-sufficiency depends heavily upon a strong working relationship among respective social services, education, job training and community based organizations.

We look forward to your participation in these forums and appreciate your interest in supporting New York's JOBS Program.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Income Maintenance

PRACTITIONER'S FORUM ON JOBS IMPLEMENTATION

A G E N D A

9:30 - 10:00 REGISTRATION

10:00 - 11:00 FEDERAL AND STATE PANEL

Moderator: Frank Puig, Director of Grants Management
New York State Department of Labor

Federal Perspectives on JOBS

Representative from Region II
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Representative from Region II
U.S. Department of Labor

Status of JOBS in New York State

Oscar Best - Deputy Commissioner for the
Division of Income Maintenance,
NYS Department of Social Services

Anthony Dais - Deputy Commissioner for
Community Service Centers,
NYS Department of Labor

Garrett Murphy - Director of the Division of
Continuing Education,
Planning and Development,
NYS Education Department

11:00 - 12:30 CRITICAL ISSUES PANEL

Moderator: Michael Vitagliano, Assistant Director,
Job Training Partnership Council

Joseph Capobianco - Accountability: Participation
Assistant Director Rate; Satisfactory Participation;
Bureau of Employment Measures of Success; Approval of
Programs Training.
NYS Department of
Social Services

Irwin Cooper - Coordination/Operational Issues:
Employment Security Assessment; Employability;
Superintendent Planning; Program Models.
NYS Department of Labor

Cindy Laks - The EDGE Program (Education
Chief, Bureau of Continuing for Gainful Employment)
Education Program Development
NYS Education Department

12:30 - 1:30 WORKING LUNCH

Moderator: Joseph Capobianco

1:30 - 3:00 LOCAL PRACTITIONERS PERSPECTIVE ON JOBS - PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: John Twomey, Executive Director
New York Association of Training
and Employment Professionals

Panel TBA: Representatives of local departments of social
services, Service Delivery Areas, local
education agencies, Community Service Centers,
Community Based Organizations.