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Division: Family & Children
Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1991 Domestic Violence Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS: 1991 Domestic Violence Annual Report
(not available on-line)

Attached for your information is a copy of the department's 1991 Annual Report on the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (Chapter 838 of the Laws of 1987).

The Domestic Violence Prevention Act was signed into law on August 7, 1987. This legislation requires local districts to offer and provide emergency shelter and services at approved residential facilities for victims of domestic violence who are eligible for public assistance. This Act also creates a funding mechanism for these residential programs by requiring local districts to establish a daily rate of reimbursement based on the reasonable operational expenditures of individual programs and authorizes the department to award grants for approved expenditures.

The 1991/92 State Aid to Localities Budget, Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1991, furthered the goal of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act. Provisions of the budget language ensure that the reimbursement rate to residential programs is reasonable and that programs are reimbursed for the provision of residential and non-residential services to victims of domestic violence regardless of the victim's financial eligibility.

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Implementation of this legislation has required both the local and state departments to undertake a multitude of activities.

This annual report displays the significant efforts and commitments that continue to be undertaken towards ensuring the viability of domestic violence programs. In the coming year, the department will continue to work diligently with local districts and service providers to improve services for victims of domestic violence.

I trust you will find this information helpful. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Family and Children Services.

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