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Division: Services and
Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: "Promoting School Success Through Community Partnerships"
Teleconference

ATTACHMENTS: Teleconference Partners Available On-line

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of a statewide teleconference on prevention entitled, "Promoting School Success Through Community Partnerships" to be held on Thursday, April 17th. Several State agency commissioners, including Acting Commissioner Wing and John Johnson, Director of the Division for Youth will be participating in this teleconference which is sponsored by United Way of New York State, New York State Departments of Education and Health, New York State School Boards Association, and their partners. Its purpose is to highlight the importance of prevention, underscoring the relationship between child well-being and success in school, and promoting school/health/human services linkages as key to improvements in child well-being and success in school. Information on model collaborations from across the state will be presented.

This teleconference emanates from an agreement entered into by United Way of New York State and the New York State Board of Regents/State Education Department called "Partners for Children". The State Department of Health has indicated its desire to formally join the agreement in the near future. "Partners for Children" aims to ensure that all children are healthy and ready to learn and that those in schools are able to succeed. Critical to the success of the collaboration will be joint efforts to increase the availability of health and human services right in the schools to assist communities in improving outcomes for children.

Goals of the Partners for Children Agreement - Ensure Healthy Children, School Readiness and Success in School Through:

1. A statewide network of programs focused on prevention and early detection and treatment.
2. A commitment to long-term leadership and collaboration.
3. Partnerships among local stakeholders.
4. Providing beneficial services to children with disabilities in community and school settings.
5. Public awareness.

Critical Success Factors

1. Communities will be mobilized to support all children and their families.
2. Good health and protection, through the provision of appropriate and adequate health care services for children and adolescents, will be enhanced.
3. Responsible parenting will be supported and promoted.
4. Quality child care choices for young children will be expanded to enhance school readiness.
5. Services and supports to continue the "right start" achieved in early childhood will be provided, optimally within the school setting, to strengthen school achievement and success.
6. Linkages will be established with programs and supports to discourage adolescent participation in high risk activities, increase high school completion rates, and improve readiness for work and/or higher education.
7. To the extent possible, all children will receive the array of services and supports necessary to enhance educational achievement within the least restrictive setting.

Expectations of Local Partners for Children

Local collaboration activities will be determined by local stakeholders and should be based on agreement regarding assets, strengths, needs and priorities. Partners should seek to:

- o expand the group of local stakeholders involved in planning and development activities, to achieve a balanced mix of United Way, school, school board, county, business, service provider, labor, parent and funder interests;

- o identify local strengths, capacity and needs including indicators of child well-being, existing services, funding, gaps, and barriers;
- o prioritize local needs for children's services;
- o develop outcome measures to evaluate the effectiveness of local prevention and intervention activities, and performance targets that will measure progress;
- o develop strategies to implement locally determined school/health/human services collocation plans; and
- o increase local awareness and support for school/health/human services linkages.

Since collaboration among public and private stakeholders at the local level around the goals of this initiative is critical to meeting the needs of children served by the local social services system, your participation at the teleconference is encouraged. The teleconference is scheduled from 9:00am to 10:30am to be followed by one and one-half hour local forums providing local participants an opportunity to react to the information presented, begin an analysis of local assets and needs, and initiate discussions about possible follow-up steps.

Local United Way contacts and site information are attached. You should contact your BOCES superintendent or local United Way to express your interest in participating if you have not already been contacted.

If you have any questions on this, please contact your Regional Office of the Division of Services and Community Development.

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Division of Services and
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Teleconference Partners

Local United Way	United Way Partners	BOCES Linkages/Downlinks
Broome John Spencer 607-729-2592		Broome-Delaware-Tioga BOCES Glenwood Road/Binghamton
Buffalo & Erie County Stephanie Barber 716-887-2626	Eastern Niagara* Kathleen Flynn 716-434-1190	Erie I BOCES Harlem Road West Seneca
Cayuga Chris Buscher 315-253-9741		Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES Cayuga BOCES Facility South St./Auburn
Central New York Sarah Merrick/ Melissa Bryant 315-428-2238		Onondaga-Cortland- Madison BOCES 6820 Thompson Rd. Syracuse
Chautauqua-Northern Mary Kay Urbanik 716-366-5424		Erie 2 - Chautauqua- Cattaraugus BOCES LoGuidice Ctr.-Fredonia
Chautauqua - Southern Michael Moots 716-483-1561	Olean - may send team to Ashville site*	Erie 2 - Chautauqua- Cattaraugus BOCES Hewes Center/Ashville
Chemung/Steuben* Andrew Mazzella 607-936-3753	NOTE: teleconference will be taped, entire event will be staged locally on 5/16 - further information will be provided	Steuben-Allegany ¹ Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga
Chenango Charlotte O'Dea 607-334-8815	Sidney Dennis Porter - (volunteer)	Delaware-Chenango- Madison-Otsego-E. River Rd., Norwich
Clinton & Essex Michael Mannix 518-563-0028	Franklin* Neil Windsor - (volunteer)	Champlain Valley Educational Services Ctr Plattsburgh
Cortland ² Cynthia Eberhart 607-756-5639		OCM BOCES* Cortland Facility
Dutchess Monica Beckman 914-471-1900		Dutchess County BOCES Beta Site Poughkeepsie

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Fulton James Johnson 518-725-9817	Montgomery Leslie Lanzi 518-842-6650	Hamilton-Fulton- Montgomery BOCES Broadalbin-Perth HS Broadalbin
Long Island Thea Stoelinga 516-595-6435		Western Suffolk BOCES Kellum Educational Ctr. Kellum Rd./Lindenhurst
New York City Alex Betancourt 212-973-3930		WNYE-TV 25 112 Tillary Street Brooklyn
Northeastern NY Bruce Stanley 518-456-2200	Schenectady Robert Carreau 518-372-4761	Colonie Central HS Libr. Sand Creek Road Colonie ³
Orange John Desibia 914-294-5100		Orange-Ulster-Technical Learning Ctr., Harriman
Oswego* John Fritton 315-342-4697		Oswego BOCES ⁴
Greater Rochester William McCullough 716-454-2770		Monroe I BOCES Education/Communication Ctr., 2586 Baird Road Penfield
Rome/Western Oneida Elizabeth Totten 315-336-5660		Madison-Oneida BOCES Verona
Seneca Norma Lamberson 315-568-9573		Child Care Council of of the Finger Lakes/ Seneca Falls

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Local United Way	United Way Partners	BOCES Linkages/Downlinks
St. Lawrence* Donald Ballou 315-393-7544	NOTE: teleconference will be taped, entire event will be staged at a later date.*	St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES BOCES lacks facility large enough to host local forum.
Tri-County Mimi Fitzgerald 518-793-3136		Washington-Saratoga- Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES, Hudson Falls ⁵
Ulster Stacey Rein 914-331-4199		Ulster BOCES New Paltz
Greater Utica Jan Squadrito 315-733-4691	Valley Mary Jones 315-894-9903	Mohawk Valley Community- College/Utica ⁶
Westchester & Putnam Russell Ross 914-997-6700	Rockland Lynn Westbrook* 914-627-0200	Southern Westchester BOCES, 2 Westchester Plaza, Elmsford ⁷

*Partners with an asterisk are not yet confirmed or are planning a local event at a later date.

- 1 The Steuben-Allegany and the Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga BOCES are both working with the United Way of Chemung & Steuben Counties on planning the local forum which will be held on May 16. The location has yet to be determined.
- 2 Cortland United Way may request that BOCES tape the teleconference so that it will be available for use at a later date.
- 3 The Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES is working with the United Ways of Northeastern NY and Schenectady on planning the local forum.
- 4 Oswego United Way and BOCES both interested in Partners For Children and teleconference. Unfortunately, they are not able to present local forum on April 17. They are considering taping the teleconference for use at a later date.
- 5 BOCES participation and ability to downlink still need to be confirmed. Tri-County United Way working to finalize arrangements.
- 6 Oneida-Madison-Herkimer BOCES & Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES are planning partners with the Greater Utica and Valley United Ways.
- 7 Putnam-Northern Westchester and Rockland BOCES are planning partners along with the Southern Westchester BOCES, the Westchester Education Coalition and United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties.