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You are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of

Nassau County's Disproportionate Minority Representation (DMR) Executive Advisory Group (EAG):

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th
2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**MercyFirst
Multi-Purpose Room in the Thomas Casey Center (School Building)
525 Convent Road, Syosset**

Refreshments will be served at 2:00pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 2:30pm.

Meeting highlight: Focus Group with MercyFirst residents.

Tours of the MercyFirst campus will be available.

R.S.V.P # of attendees by Monday, September 27th to: Maureen McLoughlin at (516) 227-8076 or Maureen.McLoughlin@hhsnassaucountyny.us

Directions to MercyFirst

525 Convent Road, Syosset, New York 11791 Phone: 516-921-0808

From Suffolk County: L.I.E. to Route 135 North (Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway) to Exit 14E (Jericho Tpke - heading East). Continue on Jericho Turnpike for 3 traffic lights. At the 3rd light, make left on to Southwoods Road. Go to the 2nd traffic light (1st light is Oyster Bay Golf Course) and make a left onto Convent Road. You will pass Our Lady of Mercy Academy on your right. MercyFirst Campus is on your right pass the Academy with large sign for Main Entrance.

From Nassau or NYC: L.I.E to Exit 43 North (South Oyster Bay Road). Continue North on South Oyster Bay Road. Once you cross over Jericho Tpke., South Oyster Bay Road turns into Jackson Avenue. Go to the first traffic light and make a right turn onto Convent Road. MercyFirst is on your left ¼ mile past the Jericho Water District office.

Multi-Purpose Room: Come through the main entrance off Convent Drive and bear right at the bronze statue of the nun and the boy. At first stop sign you will head straight and then bear left past the school - Thomas Casey Center - and then into the parking lot that is pretty much

straight ahead. Find a spot and come in through the entrance to the school building that is off this parking lot. As you enter the building the entrance to the Executive Offices are on the right. Walk through the double doors straight ahead into the Multi-purpose Room.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Nassau County has been selected by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) as one of five NYS counties to participate in a special Disproportionate Minority Representation (DMR) Pilot Project. The purpose of the project is to heighten public awareness of the issue of overrepresentation of minority children and youth in the public child welfare and juvenile justice systems, and to alter conditions, policies and practices that may contribute to disproportionality in these systems. Nassau's project utilizes a data-driven, consensus-building model that engages key stakeholders, heightens public awareness of the issue of disproportionality, and promotes policies and practices which gradually reduce DMR over time.
