The purpose of this letter is to provide a reminder of the need to refer Title IV-E foster care cases to IV-D via the DSS-2860 form (Child Support Enforcement Referral). This form collects public assistance and absent parent information and provides an automated referral to IV-D. 87 INF-61 provides instructions on the use of the DSS-2860.

Federal and State regulations require that there be an assignment of support rights for Title IV-E foster care cases. According to Department Regulation 426.8(a):

"Approved applications for foster care maintenance payments which are reimbursable pursuant to TitleIV-E of the Social Security Act shall constitute an assignment to the State and the social services district concerned, of any rights to support from any other person such applicant may have in his or her own behalf. Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this section such approved applications shall be referred to the district's child support enforcement unit for appropriate action."

This information should be shared with both Children Services staff and Child Support Enforcement staff.

Any Title IV-D questions concerning this release should be addressed to: Child Support Enforcement Trouble Log Unit, 1-800-342-3012.
Questions concerning Title IV-E should be directed to the Division of Family and Children Services, Veronica Lynch, 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9452.

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