TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Teenage Services Act Evaluation

ATTACHMENTS: "Evaluation of the Teenage Services Act Program"
(Not available on-line)

We are pleased to forward to you a copy of the Department's report on the Statewide implementation of the Teenage Services Act (TASA). This report was recently submitted to the Governor and the Legislature, as required under section 409-m of the Social Services Law. As you will observe from the data presented here, this case management program has made substantial progress in assisting young pregnant and parenting public assistance recipients towards an economically secure future and a stable family life. The program has also generated a significant level of support and enthusiasm at the local level from county departments of social services and other provider agencies, partially due to the local flexibility allowed. Legislation has been passed to extend the TASA Program beyond the current sunset date at the end of this fiscal year. We will be informing you of the details of this new Legislation in the near future.

We would especially like to thank case managers and other TASA staff from New York City and the 15 Upstate districts who gave their time to participate in the study. These districts are identified on page 29 of the report.

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