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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: NYSDDS Statewide Welfare Reform Conference

ATTACHMENTS: None

I am pleased to inform you that the New York State Department of Social Services has scheduled a statewide Welfare Reform Conference for November 19-21 at the Desmond Americana Inn, Albany, New York.

This year's conference will focus on the local impact of State and welfare reform legislation. The major theme of the conference will be the development of an integrated approach for the delivery of benefits, and services for New York's implementation of Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS) Program. Therefore, it is crucial that representatives from income maintenance, child support, employment and services units be available to attend.

We believe the agenda will provide a forum for the discussion of a wide variety of JOBS related issues and map out approaches for how JOBS services can be effectively coordinated from the point of the client's application for public assistance, through the development of an employability plan and the provision of transitional services.

As in prior years, this year's conference will also feature an employment fair with exhibitors representing both public and private agencies which can share their products, services and experience.

We will be contacting you again in the next several weeks to provide you with registration material and a more detailed description of the conference program. We intend to build on the experience gained through prior successful conferences and welcome any suggestions you may have for workshop and training topics. If you have such suggestions, or need further information, please contact Elaine Inman at 1-800-342-4100, extension 4-9101.

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Please reserve Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 19-21 on your calendar. Plan to join other employment and training professionals from across New York State in exchanging ideas and developing some new directions for welfare employment programs.

I look forward to seeing you at Albany's Desmond Americana Inn in November.

Oscar R. Best, Jr.
Deputy Commissioner
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