Over the course of the past year, we have sent you recruitment materials for your use in locating new foster families. At this time, the Division of Family and Children Services and the Office of Human Resource Development are pleased to announce the availability of the Be a Foster Parent brochure which was recently redesigned in coordination with the Professional Development Program, Rockefeller College/SUNY at Albany. This brochure, now available in both English and Spanish, can aid in promoting foster and adoptive parent recruitment efforts in your district.

The brightly colored brochure, featuring pictures and comments from a number of New York State foster parents, coordinates with the foster parent poster now also available through the Professional Development Program. A sample brochure is enclosed.

Additional copies of the brochure can be obtained by returning the enclosed order form. For any additional information please call Fred Elia at (518)453-6146.
We recognize the diligent and varied efforts aimed at recruitment throughout the state, and we believe that this brochure will help to further support those efforts. In the near future we will be sending you a recruitment video and companion study guide which are currently under development. In the months ahead, we will continue to work closely with you to recruit and retain foster families for children in need.

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