The purpose of this memorandum is to invite you to attend a regional forum to discuss the Article VII amendments to State Social Services Law which were recently enacted by the Legislature as the budget was passed.

Roundtable meetings will be held to prepare for the impact that the workfare legislation will have on local districts. The intent is to share with other local districts any creative methods you have used for expanding workfare or making it a more effective tool in moving recipients into jobs.

All sessions are scheduled from 9:00 to 3:00 and will meet in the following regional sites:

- June 22 Washington County Municipal Center
  383 Broadway
  Fort Edward, N. Y. 12828

- June 23 Genesee County Department of Social Services
  38-37 West Main Road
  Batavia, N. Y. 14020

- June 27 Broome County Department of Social Services
  36-38 Main Street (4th floor conference room)
  Binghamton, N. Y. 13905

- June 27 Westchester County Department of Social Services
  111 South Ridge Street (3rd floor Training Room)
  Port Chester, N. Y. 10573
Since the content of the legislation primarily affects cash assistance and employment program administration, you should send staff from these areas. You may also wish to send your Staff Development Coordinator.

To accommodate as many staff as possible, all attendees must be pre-registered. Although we are limiting attendance to five staff from each district, we will try to make special arrangements for those districts that need to send additional staff.

Please select one of the regional locations to attend this forum. To register your staff and to obtain additional information and/or directions, please contact Dave Staszak at (518) 486-6362 (Userid AV3100) by Tuesday, June 20, 1995.

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Regional Forums Agenda
Article VII Amendments to State Social Services Legislation

9:00 am - 9:30 am      Registration

9:30 am - 11:00 am      Income Support Issues
                         o Repayment agreements/Utility arrearage payments
                         o Broker's Fees
                         o New residents
                         o Intentional Program Violations (IPVs)/Finger imaging
                         o Learnfare
                         o Miscellaneous changes

11:00 am - 11:30 am      Update on Federal Welfare Reform

11:30 am - 12:30 pm      Lunch

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm      Employment Issues
                         o Workfare
                         o Conciliation/Sanctions
                         o HR Participation Rates
                         o HR/ADC Job Search
                         o Miscellaneous changes

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm      Roundtable Discussions
                         o Innovative methods for expanding workfare