TO:       Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT:  1995 Domestic Violence Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS:  1995 Domestic Violence Annual Report
              (not available on-line)

Attached for your information is a copy of the Department's 1995 Annual
Report on the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (Chapter 838 of the Laws of
1987).

As demonstrated by the Domestic Violence Prevention Act, New York State has
historically been in the forefront in addressing the complex issues
surrounding domestic violence. The goals of the original legislation were
expanded by the Aid to Localities Budgets of 1991 through 1995. Together,
these laws have ensured the viability of programs designed to provide safe
and secure shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and their
children.

Implementation of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act required the
Department to undertake a multitude of activities in support of local
district and domestic violence service providers. The attached report
describes the benefits that have been realized as a result of the Act.
The Department will continue to collaborate with the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, social service districts, domestic violence service providers and other state agencies to address the comprehensive service needs of victims of domestic violence and their children.

I trust you will find this information helpful. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Services and Community Development.

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