This LCM announces the release of the combined 1994 and 1995 Annual Report of the William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund.

This report has been submitted to the Governor and Legislature in accordance with the Children and Family Trust Fund Act (Article 10A, Social Services Law). It is also being distributed to all county Youth Bureaus. The 1994-95 Report spotlights one of New York State's home visiting programs, "Best Beginnings." Past reports have accentuated elder abuse services and family resource centers. The report describes currently funded programs for the prevention and treatment of family violence, including child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse.

By statute, all applications for Children and Family Trust Fund funding must be submitted for review to the local Youth Bureau and Commissioner of Social Services. This report lists awards made from 1994 federal funds. Awards offered under the recently released 1997 Integrated RFP, which included funding through the William B. Hoyt Memorial Children and Family Trust Fund and the Family Preservation and Foster Care Prevention Program, are expected to be announced sometime in June. We appreciate the time staff took to review these applications. Comments forwarded by staff are most helpful in making final selections.

A copy of the Trust Fund Annual Report is being forwarded to you. If you would like additional copies or have questions regarding Trust Fund programs, please contact Judy Richards at 518-474-9613 or User ID AY6910.

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