I. Purpose

The purpose of this release is to inform local districts that the New York State Office of Children and Family Services recently received its 1998/1999 Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act Grant.

II. Background

The New York State Office of Children and Family Services administers the Federal Family Violence Prevention and Services Act grant. This year's award will be equally divided among all agencies operating an approved residential and/or non-residential domestic violence program. Each agency will receive one award regardless of the number of facilities or type of program(s) operated. Each agency is eligible to apply for an award not to exceed $41,020.

The first priority for this funding is to cover operational expenses and to ensure the fiscal viability of domestic violence programs. All approved domestic violence programs are required to submit their application for these funds no later than January 15, 1999. Contracts will start March 31, 1999.
III.Implications

All domestic violence programs requesting funds to support their non-residential domestic violence program are required to submit a copy of their current non-residential agreement with the local social services district.

Questions about this matter may be referred to Lisa Gordon or Saleika Leak at (518) 474-9575.

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