

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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SUBJECT: SFY 1999-2000 Family and Children's Services
Block Grant Allocations

ATTACHMENTS: SFY 1999-2000 Family and Children's Services
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The purpose of this memorandum is to provide social services districts with their Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) allocations for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1999-2000 (April 1, 1999 through March 30, 2000) from the SFY 1999-2000 Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) appropriation. These allocations are made based on the general formula contained in Chapters 53 and 405 of the Laws of 1999 which require that 80 percent of the block grant appropriation be allocated based on social services districts previous claims for block grant programs and 20 percent on other factors to be determined by the Office.

Chapter 53 of the Laws of 1999 appropriated an additional \$15,000,000, to be allocated separately. Of this amount, \$9,000,000 is directed to voluntary, not-for-profit agencies for equipment for or renovation of group foster care facilities necessary for compliance with State fire and safety regulations. Up to \$6,000,000 of this amount is directed to local social service districts, pending submission of a local plan, to provide increases in the amounts the district contracts to reimburse foster care and/or preventive service agencies by up to 2.5 percent above the amounts contracted for July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999, or the most recent 12 month period. Funds not allocated from the \$6,000,000 will be redirected to the voluntary, not-for-profit agencies for fire and safety regulations purposes. The allocation of the \$15,000,000 for fire safety and cost of living adjustments for foster care and child preventive services will be the subject of future Local Commissioners Memoranda.

Allocations to social services districts for the transfer to Title XX from Federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, and the \$100,000,000 Child Welfare EAF Set-Aside of TANF funds will be made to districts in separate memoranda.

The methodologies for the allocation of the FCSBG funds are set out below and are the basis for the allocations table which accompanies this memorandum as an Attachment.

After setting aside the \$7.4 million required by the appropriation language to be used for congregate foster care, 80 percent of the remaining FCSBG balance (\$411,280,000) has been allocated to districts based on district expenditures as adjusted by the Services Random Moment Study (SRMS) for SFY 1999-2000 block grant programs (foster care, adoption services other than adoption subsidy, preventive services for children and JD-PINS in Voluntary Agencies) in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1996-97 and 1997-98. This allocation was determined by adding together whichever is the higher of the district's FFY 1996-97 or FFY 1997-98 claim for each of the block grant program categories to get the district's FFY FCSBG base claim. The base claims for all districts were then totaled and each district's individual percentage share of the Statewide total was calculated. The district percentages thus calculated were used to compute the amount of each district's allocation for the 80 percent amount (\$411,280,000).

To this amount (\$411,280,000) was then added the distribution of the \$7.4 million for congregate foster care: \$6.4 million was distributed to New York City and \$1.0 million was distributed to Upstate districts (i.e., all districts other than New York City). These funds (\$1 million) were distributed in proportion to the Upstate district's percentage share of the Upstate 80 percent calculation.

Finally, the remaining 20 percent of the FCSBG has been allocated in the following order:

- (1) Most of the 20 percent of the remaining 1999-2000 funds were allocated to ensure that each district's 1999-2000 allocation is at least equal to the district's 1998-99 allocation;
- (2) The remaining funds, \$302,090, were set aside for grants to offset extreme foster care expenditure increases in small districts with total child population under the age of 18 of less than 16,000.

Other Reimbursement and Allocation Considerations

This section is intended to provide additional information that is not directly related to the initial allocation of FCSBG funds.

With regard to the reimbursement of tuition for foster care children who are eligible for Emergency Assistance for Families (EAF) in New York City, the SFY 1999-2000 State budget allows for 100 percent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reimbursement of such claims totaling \$43,000,000. The appropriation language allows that the FCDBG for New York City be reduced by \$21,500,000. The allocation for New York City contained in this LCM does not reflect that reduction, but the remaining payments to the district will reflect the appropriation language authorizing the reduction.

For SFY 1999-2000 the enacted budget authorizes 100 percent TANF reimbursement of foster care for JD/PINS who are eligible for TANF. The appropriation language authorizes reimbursement of claims up to \$60 million and also authorizes the reduction of the FCDBG by 50 percent of the amount of the JD/PINS reimbursement. The allocations for the districts in this LCM also do not reflect these reductions, but the remaining SFY 1999-2000 FCDBG payments to the districts will reflect the reductions. Further, should the amount of FCDBG remaining to a district be insufficient to effect that district's JD/PINS reduction, the Office may use any other General Fund Aid to Localities monies payable to a district to effect the reduction.

Information/Questions Contact

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FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

SFY 1999-2000

DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
ALBANY	\$9,250,429
ALLEGANY	1,210,679
BROOME	4,787,282
CATTARAUGUS	1,618,591
CAYUGA	1,583,261
CHAUTAUQUA	1,654,970
CHEMUNG	2,139,115
CHENANGO	555,547
CLINTON	1,297,408
COLUMBIA	1,129,632
CORTLAND	1,119,733
DELAWARE	960,205
DUTCHESS	3,496,485
ERIE	17,471,002
ESSEX	466,988
FRANKLIN	536,575
FULTON	1,239,352
GENESEE	569,014
GREENE	773,998
HAMILTON	86,126
HERKIMER	725,206
JEFFERSON	1,977,837
LEWIS	313,041
LIVINGSTON	674,856
MADISON	1,284,018
MONROE	20,106,856
MONTGOMERY	805,009
NASSAU	10,995,326
NIAGARA	4,529,333
ONEIDA	6,924,957
ONONDAGA	13,516,978
ONTARIO	1,239,986
ORANGE	7,345,735
ORLEANS	438,357
OSWEGO	2,920,008
OTSEGO	1,099,751
PUTNAM	665,665
RENSSELAER	2,818,554
ROCKLAND	5,223,099
ST. LAWRENCE	2,428,495
SARATOGA	1,943,026
SCHENECTADY	5,286,942
SCHOHARIE	519,917
SCHUYLER	418,198
SENECA	731,220
STEUBEN	1,747,215

DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
SUFFOLK	12,260,395
SULLIVAN	2,309,879
TIOGA	899,242
TOMPKINS	1,423,146
ULSTER	3,984,841
WARREN	702,518
WASHINGTON	927,000
WAYNE	1,033,997
WESTCHESTER	20,754,515
WYOMING	610,467
YATES	230,001
UPSTATE	\$193,761,978
NYC	\$327,435,932
NYS	\$521,197,910