

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: SFY 2000-2001 Family and Children's Services
Block Grant Allocations

ATTACHMENTS: (A) SFY 2000-2001 Family and Children's
Services Block Grant Allocations
(available on-line)

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) 2000-2001 (April 1, 2000 through March 31, 2001) from the SFY 2000-2001 Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) appropriation. These allocations are made based on the general formula contained in Chapters 53 and 60 of the Laws of 2000 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 2000 appropriated an additional \$6,000,000, to be allocated separately. 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, 1999 through June 30, 2000, or the most recent 12 month period.

The SFY 2000-2001 Family and Children's Services Block Grant appropriation also includes \$6,000,000 to be distributed to those districts that submitted approved plans in SFY 1999-2000 for increased payments to foster care and/or preventive service agencies.

Allocations to social services districts for the transfer to Title XX from Federal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) funds, the \$100,000,000 Child Welfare EAF Set-Aside of TANF funds, the \$6,000,000 SFY 2000-2001 Family and Children's Services Block Grant cost of living adjustment, and the \$30,000,000 TANF for Preventive Services 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 \$7,400,000 required by the appropriation language to be used for congregate foster care, 80 percent of the remaining FCSBG balance (\$416,080,000) has been allocated to districts based on district expenditures as adjusted by the Services Random Moment Study (SRMS) for SFY 2000-2001 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) 1997-98 and 1998-99. This allocation was determined by adding together whichever is the higher of the district's FFY 1997-98 or FFY 1998-99 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 (\$416,080,000).

To this amount (\$416,080,000) was then added the distribution of the \$7,400,000 for congregate foster care: \$6,400,000 was distributed to New York City and \$1,000,000 was distributed to Upstate districts (i.e., all districts other than New York City). The funds for the Upstate districts (\$1,000,000) were distributed in proportion to each Upstate district's percentage share of the Upstate 80 percent calculation.

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

- (1) Most of the 20 percent of the remaining 2000-2001 funds were allocated to ensure that each district's 2000-2001 allocation is at least equal to the district's 1999-2000 allocation;
- (2) \$5,253,133 was distributed to those districts that submitted approved plans in SFY 1999-2000 for increased payments to foster care and preventive service agencies for cost of living adjustments;
- (3) \$972,499 is allocated, one-half of which is based on the number of children in poverty in the district, and the other one-half based upon the total number of children below the age of eighteen.

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) as in effect on September 30, 1995 in New York City, the SFY 2000-2001 State budget allows for 100 percent Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reimbursement of such claims totaling \$36,000,000. The appropriation language allows that the FCSBG for New York City be reduced by \$18,000,000. 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 2000-2001, the enacted budget authorizes 100 percent TANF reimbursement of foster care for JD/PINS who are eligible for EAF as in effect on September 30, 1995. The appropriation language authorizes reimbursement of claims up to \$80,000,000 and also authorizes the reduction of the FCSBG 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 2000-2001 FCSBG payments to the districts will reflect the reductions. Further, should the amount of FCSBG 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 2000-2001

DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
ALBANY	9,442,934
ALLEGANY	1,213,651
BROOME	4,796,937
CATTARAUGUS	1,631,016
CAYUGA	1,587,580
CHAUTAUQUA	1,662,932
CHEMUNG	2,162,606
CHENANGO	558,449
CLINTON	1,301,526
COLUMBIA	1,132,470
CORTLAND	1,122,226
DELAWARE	962,679
DUTCHESS	3,555,489
ERIE	17,780,145
ESSEX	468,847
FRANKLIN	593,448
FULTON	1,242,326
GENESEE	571,840
GREENE	776,080
HAMILTON	86,317
HERKIMER	803,780
JEFFERSON	1,983,951
LEWIS	314,649
LIVINGSTON	677,709
MADISON	1,287,249
MONROE	20,349,997
MONTGOMERY	807,737
NASSAU	11,179,332
NIAGARA	4,539,899
ONEIDA	6,937,872
ONONDAGA	13,665,279
ONTARIO	1,244,158
ORANGE	7,441,484
ORLEANS	440,574
OSWEGO	2,926,381
OTSEGO	1,114,296
PUTNAM	668,545
RENSSELAER	2,825,590
ROCKLAND	5,277,198
ST. LAWRENCE	2,434,694
SARATOGA	1,982,412
SCHENECTADY	5,382,131
SCHOHARIE	521,442

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DISTRICT	ALLOCATION
SCHUYLER	419,278
SENECA	732,806
STEUBEN	1,752,694
SUFFOLK	12,308,914
SULLIVAN	2,313,799
TIOGA	901,830
TOMPKINS	1,434,088
ULSTER	3,991,830
WARREN	714,812
WASHINGTON	930,030
WAYNE	1,038,761
WESTCHESTER	20,958,990
WYOMING	612,451
YATES	231,341
UPSTATE	95,797,481
NYC	331,702,519
NYS	527,500,000