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## Local Commissioners Memorandum

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<b>To:</b>	Local District Commissioners
<b>Issuing Division/Office:</b>	Division of Development and Prevention Services
<b>Date:</b>	June 4, 2004
<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Implementation of Chapter 280 of the Laws of 2002 – Required Domestic Violence Training for CPS Staff
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<b>Attachments:</b>	Domestic Violence Training for CPS Staff – Offerings for 2004
<b>Attachment Available On – Line:</b>	yes

### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise social services districts of the status of the implementation of Chapter 280 of the Laws of 2002. This Chapter Law required that all child protective services (CPS) staff, including supervisory and administrative staff, attend training to develop an understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence and its connection to child abuse and neglect. Staff whose sole CPS responsibility is after-hours coverage are encouraged, but not required, to attend. The law also required that the New York State Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence (OPDV) develop the training course in conjunction with the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

## II. Background

In August 2003, OCFS issued 03-OCFS-LCM-13, which provided a status report concerning the development of the training course. It was anticipated that the first offering of the training would be delivered in fall 2003. In fact, a pilot training was provided to two social services districts in late September.

After analyzing the pilot training, OPDV and OCFS instituted curriculum revisions and proceeded with a second pilot training in early March. Since that time, OPDV has been working to schedule training in various regions of the state. Training sessions have been conducted in several counties since mid-March. OPDV and OCFS are closely monitoring feedback received from the training sessions, including close scrutiny of trainees' evaluations, to determine if any revisions to the training should be undertaken.

## III. Program Implications

Most social services districts have now been contacted by OPDV concerning scheduling one or more two-day training courses in their counties or nearby. The attachment lists those dates, with the locations, that already have been scheduled. To register for the training and view on an ongoing basis the most current list of training offerings, staff should use the Statewide Training and Registration System (STARS). It is anticipated that up to 70 offerings will be delivered this calendar year, and a similar number next year.

The plan is for training to be held for all CPS staff outside of New York City by the end of 2005. After that time, regional training sessions will be held periodically for new staff. Meanwhile, if a social services district has already had its current CPS staff trained on-site and new staff enter CPS, the district should seek to register the new staff in nearby scheduled offerings.

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**Domestic Violence Training for CPS Staff**  
**Scheduled Offerings for Remainder of 2004**

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. June 7-8, 2004         | Tioga County        |
| 2. June 9-10, 2004        | Tompkins County     |
| 3. June 8-9, 2004         | Montgomery County   |
| 4. June 14-15, 2004       | St. Lawrence County |
| 5. June 16-17, 2004       | Cattaraugus County  |
| 6. June 16-17, 2004       | Franklin County     |
| 7. June 21-22, 2004       | Nassau County       |
| 8. June 23-24, 2004       | Suffolk County      |
| 9. June 28-29, 2004       | Niagara County      |
| 10. June 30 –July 1, 2004 | Niagara County      |
| 11. June 29-30, 2004      | Oswego County       |
| 12. July 7-8, 2004        | Chautauqua County   |
| 13. July 8-9, 2004        | Seneca County       |
| 14. July 13-14, 2004      | Herkimer County     |
| 15. July 19-20, 2004      | Nassau County       |
| 16. July 21-22, 2004      | Suffolk County      |
| 17. July 21-22, 2004      | Allegany County     |
| 18. July 26-27, 2004      | Broome County       |
| 19. July 28-29, 2004      | Broome County       |
| 20. August 2-3, 2004      | Erie County         |

21. August 4-5, 2004	Erie County
22. August 2-3, 2004	Onondaga County
23. August 4-5, 2004	Onondaga County
24. August 10-11, 2004	Saratoga County
25. August 11-12, 2004	Cortland County
26. August 16-17, 2004	Monroe County
27. August 16-17, 2004	Steuben County
28. August 18-19, 2004	Chemung County
29. August 18-19, 2004	Monroe County
30. August 23-24, 2004	Jefferson County
31. August 24-25, 2004	Oneida County
32. Sept. 1-2, 2004	Otsego County
33. Sept. 13-14, 2004	Genesee County
34. Sept. 15-16, 2004	Oneida County
35. Sept. 15-16, 2004	Livingston County
36. Sept. 20-21, 2004	Fulton County
37. Sept. 20-21, 2004	Chenango County
38. Sept. 27-28, 2004	Warren County
39. Sept. 29-30, 2004	Sullivan County
40. Oct. 4-5, 2004	Yates County
41. Oct. 5-6, 2004	Cayuga County
42. Oct. 6-7, 2004	Erie County
43. Oct. 13-14, 2004	Delaware County

44. Oct. 13-14, 2004	Oswego County
45. Oct. 19-20, 2004	Onondaga County
46. Oct. 25-26, 2004	Rockland County
47. Oct. 26-27, 2004	Rockland County
48. Oct 26 –27, 2004	Madison County
49. Nov. 8-9, 2004	Albany County
50. Nov. 3-4, 2004	Albany County
51. Nov. 17-18, 2004	Onondaga County