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Division: Services and
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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: "Kids Have Rights and Responsibilities Too:
Legal Rights For Adolescents" Manual

ATTACHMENTS: None

The Department has just released the manual, "Kids Have Rights and Responsibilities Too: Legal Rights For Adolescents." This manual, which was developed under a training contract with Statewide Youth Advocacy, Inc., is designed primarily for foster care youth preparing for independent living and is intended to assist them in taking greater responsibility in advocating for themselves. The content focuses on the important balance of rights and responsibilities that must be maintained as part of community living. Topics include education, employment, housing, and health care.

A copy of this manual has been sent to your Director of Services. Copies are also available at the four Independent Living Resource Centers across the state. The primary distribution mechanism will be through the "Legal Rights and Responsibilities For Adolescents" regional training sessions. All staff attending this training will be provided copies of the manual after receiving training on effective ways to integrate this resource into case work with adolescents.

If you are interested in receiving additional copies, a limited number are available by calling Jennifer Strus at Statewide Youth Advocacy, Inc. at 518-436-8525. If you have any questions regarding the regional training sessions or the manual, please contact Suzanne Zafonte Sennett (AW1160) of my staff at 1-800-342-3715, extension 4-9574.

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