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Divisions: Management Support & Quality Improvement

Economic Security

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Pride in Work Teleconference

ATTACHMENTS: None

We are pleased to announce an upcoming teleconference on the Pride In Work initiative scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 from 1:30 to 3:00 PM at 28 locations statewide.

Pride in Work is an effective means for counties to handle the Home Relief caseload, from a front end detection system designed to investigate an individual's eligibility for assistance to structured, closely monitored, employment activity.

The Pride in Work model includes an investigation of all applicants for Home Relief by a special fraud unit, the division of all Home Relief recipients into employability categories, and close monitoring of the caseload to assure compliance.

The teleconference will cover the elements of Pride in Work including:

- o Assessing employability
- o Establishing work projects
- o Assigning employable recipients to supervised projects
- o Assisting unemployable recipients with disability reviews and SSI eligibility determination
- o Monitoring activities and tracking attendance
- o Requiring individual participation and sanctioning non-compliance

This program is targeted to local district commissioners; Income Maintenance/Employment directors, supervisors, and line staff; and county legislators.

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We encourage you to participate and send your staff. A listing of the sites and registration materials are being sent to your Staff Development Coordinator. The deadline for registration is March 3rd. There is no fee. If you have any questions, please call Joan Rogers at 518-473-2551.

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