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Date: April 28, 1995

Division: Office of Housing  
and Adult Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Protective Services for Adults: Suffolk County's Award  
Winning Adult/Elder Abuse Project

ATTACHMENTS: Summary of the Adult/Elder Abuse Initiatives Implemented  
by the Suffolk County Executive's Task Force on Family  
Violence  
(Attachment Not Available On-Line)

The purpose of this release is to inform you of a national award winning  
elder/adult abuse project in Suffolk County.

Recently, the Suffolk County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence  
received the first place award in the National Center on Elder Adult's "Best  
Practices in Elder Abuse Coordination" competition. The Suffolk County Task  
Force, which has been in existence since 1988, includes representatives from  
over 40 public and private agencies and is Chaired by John B. Wingate, the  
Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

Over the last several years this Task Force has implemented a number of  
noteworthy training, public education, prevention and intervention  
initiatives which have enhanced Suffolk County's ability to serve the frail  
elderly and other impaired adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and  
exploitation. A summary of the Suffolk County initiative is attached for  
your information. While many other districts have implemented innovative  
and effective community wide initiatives for serving the impaired adult  
population, I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Commissioner  
Wingate, his staff and the members of the Suffolk County Task Force for  
their effectiveness and their well deserved recognition.

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If you would like more information on the Suffolk County initiative, your staff may contact Carole A. Pichney of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services at (516) 853-2338.

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