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Division: Services & Community

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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1994 Domestic Violence Annual Report

ATTACHMENTS: 1994 Domestic Violence Annual Report

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Attached for your information is a copy of the Department's 1994 Annual Report on the Domestic Violence Prevention Act (Chapter 838 of the Laws of 1987).

The Domestic Violence Prevention Act demonstrates New York State's aggressive approach to domestic violence. The goals of the original legislation were expanded by the Aid to Localities Budgets of 1991 through 1994. Together, these laws require social service districts to provide residential and non-residential services to victims of domestic violence regardless of their financial eligibility and to establish funding streams for these services.

Implementation of the Domestic Violence Prevention Act required the Department to undertake a multitude of activities. The attached report describes the benefits that have been realized as a result of the Act. This annual report recognizes the extraordinary efforts of local districts during a difficult time period and displays the significant commitments that

continue to be undertaken towards ensuring the viability of domestic violence programs. In the upcoming year, the Department will continue to collaborate with social service districts, domestic violence service providers and other state agencies to continue to evaluate the impact of the Act and to address the comprehensive service needs of victims of domestic violence and their children.

I trust you will find this information helpful. If you have any questions please contact the appropriate Regional Office of the Division of Services and Community Development.

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