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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Date: May 15, 1992

Division: Family and
Children Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1991 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS)

ATTACHMENTS: Attachments are not available on-line.

Enclosed is the 1991 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) data package. It contains data on the four major child welfare programs: Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care and Adoption. I encourage you to share this material with your Services' staff and to review and use the data in your planning and administrative activities.

This is the sixth year that MAPS has been produced. Over that time, the package has changed in response to your feedback and as trends and priorities have changed. This year, increasing pressure on adoption programs Statewide has resulted in the addition of several new adoption variables. Also, in response to your requests, foster care data on children's permanency goals by age have been re-introduced. The overall format is similar to previous packages with the Introduction describing the general characteristics of the package, followed by the data pages and concluding with Appendices that clarify the source of the data used.

In reviewing this package, you are reminded that MAPS was not designed as a stand-alone set of indicators that judges how well or how poorly a district is performing. We recognize the complexities within local districts that make each case worthy of individual consideration. With this in mind, MAPS continues to be used as a starting point for program specific conversations between our respective staffs. This approach has resulted in constructive, focused agendas aimed at improving services to families and children.

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Your Regional Office staff are prepared to assist you in analyzing the data and responding to issues that the data generate. Comments on design issues should be made to Larry Brown, Director, Performance Monitoring and Analysis Unit, 10-C, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12243 [1-800-342-3715], extension 49429, OFISLINK USER-ID SV0040.

Sincerely,

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