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TRANSMITTAL: 94 INF-25

TO: Commissioners of
 Social Services

DIVISION: Services and
 Community
 Development

DATE: May 24, 1994

SUBJECT: Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Day

SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Directors of Social Services
 Staff Development Coordinators

CONTACT PERSON: See attached listing for contact persons for
 your regional area.

ATTACHMENTS: I. Training Schedule (Available On-Line)

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
94 INF-20					

This will confirm the letter of invitation sent to your district on May 16th to participate in "Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Day". We encourage representatives of child welfare casework, supervisors, and management staff to attend. Together we will explore recent advances in computer systems and how they can be used to build on the foundation of our current systems environment.

Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Day is related to the Informational Letter 94 INF 20 "Improving Automated Support for Child Welfare Information Systems" released on May 11, 1994 by the department. This INF advised of new federal rules for a Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) and the Adoption Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). Our intention is to develop a comprehensive, automated system which meets your needs by adding new functions to our existing and developing systems.

On this day vendors will be available to demonstrate system prototypes which use new technology and which are being developed in response to SACWIS requirements.

Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Day will provide information which will be helpful to us in identifying the automated system support needs of child welfare services staff. This will also set the stage for the next activity which is the regional focus groups. What you observe and learn will help focus our discussions. We would therefore encourage you, to the extent possible, to have the same staff participate in both these activities. Information about focus group meetings which will be held in each regional area will be shared with you in the next few weeks.

Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Day is being held at locations (schedule attached) throughout the state. Although you are encouraged to attend any session that is most convenient for you, participation may be limited depending on the response for attendance at each location.

Please contact the Family and Children Services Regional Office SACWIS liaison identified on the attached list as soon as possible to confirm attendance or if you have any questions.

We hope that you will participate in our technological review.

Frank Puig
Deputy Commissioner
Services and Community Development

Child Welfare Technology Demonstration Days
Training Schedule

May 23, 1994 - Syracuse Regional Office* 351 South Warren Street, Syracuse,
second floor.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

SACWIS Contact Person:

Michael Melara Phone: (315) 423-1199

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May 25, 1994 - Metropolitan Regional Office 80 Maiden Lane, New York City,
sixth floor.

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

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Virginia Hardesty Phone: (212) 383-1813

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May 27, 1994 - Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room #6, (Concourse Level) Albany

9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

SACWIS Contact Person:

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* Anyone located in the Western Region of New York State who cannot
attend any of these sessions should call:

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