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Date: February 13, 1998

Division: Development and
Prevention Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1998 Multidisciplinary Team Building Request for
Proposals (RFP)

ATTACHMENTS: NONE

(The RFP is not available on-line and is being mailed
separately.)

This LCM announces the Office of Children and Family Services' (Office's) 1998 Multidisciplinary Team Building Request for Proposals (RFP).

Funding being offered in this RFP will support the Office's on-going commitment to improving the multidisciplinary and multi-agency coordination and collaboration necessary to ensure swift, thorough, professional and sensitive investigations of cases of child abuse and maltreatment involving sexual abuse, physical abuse, family violence and child deaths. The RFP offers funding to assist in developing or enhancing:

- o Local multidisciplinary investigation teams established by social services districts for the purpose of investigating reports of suspected child abuse or maltreatment, particularly cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse and family violence, in a manner which limits additional trauma to the child victim(s). Funding under this category also will be available for child advocacy centers which facilitate multidisciplinary investigation teams and case reviews. The lead agency for these grants may be the social service district or another community agency approved by the social services district.

- o Local or regional fatality review teams approved by the Office for the purpose of investigating cases of suspicious, unexpected or unexplained child deaths, especially child abuse and maltreatment related fatalities.

The RFP provides specific program requirements, eligibility criteria, selection criteria and directions for applying for these grants. It also directs applicants to submit a letter of intent to OCFS. Proposals must be received by March 27, 1998.

Any questions related to the 1998 Multidisciplinary Team Building RFP should be directed to Thomas Hess (518) 474-4086. Additional copies can be obtained by calling Susan Adams (518) 474-9575.

Transfer Implementation

Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 renames the Department of Social Services as the Department of Family Assistance comprised of two independent offices: the Office of Children and Family Services and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and compliance with the Civil Service Laws, responsibility as specified in Chapter 436 will be transferred from the former Department of Social Services to the Office of Children and Family Services and fully integrated with the functions and duties of the former Division for Youth. The contents contained herein have been approved by all necessary staff of the referenced agencies.

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Deputy Commissioner