## OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE +-----+ | LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM | +----+ OTDA-4037EL (Rev. 11/98)

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Division: Transitional

Supports and Policy

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: TANF Services Plan

ATTACHMENTS: None

The State Fiscal Year 2000-01 budget established a TANF Services Block Grant to fund an array of programs, designed by local districts, to meet the transitional service needs of eligible TANF families. The intent of the block grant is to provide program design flexibility to local districts and to simplify the process for accessing TANF funding. To further simplify the process for accessing TANF funds, local districts will only be required to submit a single document, the TANF Services Plan, to access their block grant allocation as well as their allocations for Domestic Violence Screening, Drug/Alcohol Assessments and Monitoring, and Learnfare.

The amount of money available to local districts to fund these initiatives will be sent under separate cover, along with five copies of the TANF Services Planning package, which includes instructions for developing and submitting your TANF Services Plan. Districts should expect these documents via express mail within the next two days. If you do not receive your package within two days, call the Office of Transitional Supports and Policy (OTSP) at 518-473-1179.

As a reminder, on May 24, 2000 you received an invitation to participate in an Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) sponsored regional forum to assist you in developing your TANF Services Plan. If you have any questions regarding the regional forums, call the number above.