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Informational Letter

Section 1

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Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
03 ADM 2 99 ADM 8 98 ADM 3 02 INF 36 99 INF 10		Part 352 Part 357.3 (i) 351.2 (l)	SSL 62.5; 131-u 349-a 459-g		

Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to provide social services districts (SSDs) with a revised statewide listing of domestic violence liaisons under the Family Violence Option. It is not the contact list for program and payment issues for residential programs for victims of domestic violence. *That list of contacts was provided in 02 INF 38 “District of Fiscal Responsibility Contacts”.*

II. Background

98 ADM-3 “*Domestic Violence: Family Violence Option Under the Welfare Reform Act of 1997*” provides LSSDs with the requirements to implement the Family Violence Option (FVO). The FVO ADM includes procedures for screening for domestic violence, assessment, service referrals and temporary waivers of temporary assistance requirements that would place the victim or the victim’s children at further risk or make it more difficult for them to escape the abuse.

III. Program Implications

Domestic violence (DV) liaisons are responsible for assessing the credibility of victims, for providing service referrals and assessing the need for temporary waivers from public assistance requirements. Sometimes victims flee from the abuser across county lines for safety reasons. In these situations, there is a need for the DV Liaisons to communicate with each other to determine the best plan of action for the victim. When a victim flees or moves to another district, the county of temporary residence is responsible for the screening and assessment initially, since it could be a safety risk for the victim to contact the county of residence. Since DV liaisons need to communicate on a regular basis, it is necessary for them to have an updated list of DV liaisons in each county. Further policy on cross-district responsibility involving DV liaisons is provided in 02 INF 36 “*Family Violence Option Questions and Answers*”.

The Attachment contains the updated DV liaison list. Some LSSD’s have contracted out with an approved DV provider for the DV liaison position. Those LSSD’s who do contract out are noted with an asterisk*. Please keep us informed of any future changes for our next update. Please send any updates to Deb McArdle at Debbie.McArdle@dfa.state.ny.us.

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