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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |  
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Transmittal No: 92 LCM-48

Date: March 13, 1992

Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Oneonta Solo Parenting Project

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A - Job Corps Eligibility Criteria - available on-line  
Attachment B - Job Corps Program Description - available on-line  
Attachment C - Child Care Market Rates (Otsego County) - available on-line

The New York State Department of Social Services and the United States Department of Labor are implementing a residential training program for homeless young mothers and their children. The project, located on the Oneonta Job Corps Campus, will provide education, job training and career planning for 22 homeless AFDC mothers, ages 16-21, in a residential setting. Quality day care for their children will be provided on-site.

The Job Corps provides disadvantaged young men and women with the opportunity to complete their high school education, gain occupational skills leading to employment, and receive supportive counseling. The Solo Parenting project at Oneonta, in Otsego County, will enhance proven Job Corps Training and Counseling services with instruction in sound parenting and independent living skills.

The ingredients of successful programs which have been identified and included in this program are: a structured, stable environment; quality educational and vocational training; on-site child care; instruction in proper parenting; nutrition and life-coping skills; peer group support and supportive counseling using an individual case management approach. This comprehensive approach will assist the young homeless AFDC mother to build a better life for herself and her children. Participation in this program is voluntary.

The facility will be ready to receive students in late April, 1992. After participating in the program for 6 to 24 months, the families will be assisted in their transition to independent living. All participants completing the program are expected to obtain employment shortly after program completion.

We are asking districts to begin screening potential participants immediately. To identify AFDC homeless mothers who are eligible for referral to the Oneonta Solo Parenting Project, the LDSS should work closely with those agencies in the community which provide services to this homeless population. The criteria for selection include:

- o Homeless, single AFDC mother between the ages of 16-21
- o 1-2 dependent children who are at least 6 months of age but not yet 4 years (a limited number of slots for mothers with 2 children are available)
- o See Attachment (A) for Job Corps Eligibility Requirements

While the mothers' costs for Job Corps Training and shelter will be the responsibility of Job Corps, the costs for the children will be the responsibility of the local district which refers the family. The children's costs will include both shelter and child care.

Districts will pay for the children's shelter costs to the Job Corps just as they currently provide a daily room and board rate to non-Tier II providers. A per diem rate of \$26.66 for each child has been established by the operator. This covers the expense of housing and related costs for the child. Each district's local share will be based on the categorical eligibility of the client. Districts will also pay a monthly personal needs allowance of \$45 to the mother for each child.

Day care payments will be made directly to the day care provider on the Job Corps Campus. These payments will be based on Otsego County's child care market rate. These rates are included as Attachment C of this LCM. (Only the weekly Day Care Center Rate category will apply). Since the mothers will be JOBS participants, JOBS Child Care (Title IV-A) will be the funding source.

Once your district has identified a potential participant, please call James Cook in the Bureau of Employment Programs for an application and instructions for completion. Applications for the initial class enrollment starting in late April must reach this office by April 10, 1992. Later applications will be reviewed and a waiting list will be established for future class openings.

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If you have any questions concerning this program or the application procedures, please contact James Cook in the Bureau of Employment Programs at 1-800-342-4100, extension 4-9320.

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Division of Income Maintenance

JOB CORPS ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. AGE: Applicant must be 16, but not yet 22 at enrollment. There is no maximum age for eligible handicapped.
2. CITIZENSHIPS: Must be a citizen of the United States, a United States National, a permanent resident alien, or a lawfully admitted refugee or a parolee, or alien who has been permitted to accept permanent employment in the United States by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.
3. SCHOOL STATUS: The applicant must be in need of additional educational, vocational training, and related support services to participate successfully in regular school work, qualify for other training programs, satisfy Armed Forces entrance requirements, or qualify for a job or where prior skill or training is a prerequisite. The applicant must be out of school or if in school, be unable to benefit from the regular program.
4. ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED: Applicants are one of the following:
  - (a) A member of a family receiving public assistance.
  - (b) A member of a family whose income during the previous 6 months would have qualified for public assistance, does not exceed OMB poverty guidelines or does not exceed 70% of the Lower Living Standards of Income Level.\*
  - (c) A government sponsored foster child.
  - (d) Have a handicap which presents a significant barrier to employment.
  - (e) An individual considered a family of one with income below the levels noted in (b). An individual living alone or with unrelated individuals, or with family members who are not legal guardians or living in a single residence where no family member claims them as a dependent is considered a family of one.
5. CAPACITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM: The applicant should have sufficient intelligence to benefit from the program as evidenced by information from schools or other appropriate community resources. The applicant must be physically and mentally able to gainfully participate in the program and there must be a reasonable expectation of employment following training. The applicant should demonstrate an interest in obtaining maximum benefits from the program as evidenced by a voluntary desire to enroll and by the youth's signature on an application.
6. PARENTAL CONSENT: for all applicants
  - (a) The applicant according to §
  - (b) The youth is n emancipated.
  - (c) A youth without guardian or guardians ca considered en circumstances
7. CHILD CARE: If r have established care of any depend period of enrollme not apply to the C
8. FREE OF AGENCY/COU must be free of c should not be on p suspended sentenc provided.
9. VERIFIED NEED FOR applicant is appl he/she must be l disruptive that participation in a substantially impa may include disr unhealthy, or ove a neighborhood or high crime rates, school dropouts handicaps).
10. HEALTH: The appl health condition dental) that:
  - (a) Represents a p youth or to ot
  - (b) Results in s normal perform
  - (c) Requires inte normally avail medical progr
11. BEHAVIOR: The behavior proble individual:
  - (a) Could not conduct, disci Job Corps requ
  - (b) Would prevent the program program on cer nearby communi
  - (c) Requires peric

\*The income levels change annually.  
The levels issued 2/16/90 are shown below.

## JOB CORPS PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Job Corps program is a U.S. Department of Labor funded program operated through contractors, agencies and the U.S. Department of Interior and Agriculture. It was established in 1964 and has enrolled over 1,500,000 youth since its establishment. As of this printing there are approximately 40,000 enrolled in the program in 105 centers.

Services offered by the program include:

- Vocational Training
- Educational Training leading to a High School Equivalency Diploma
- English as a Second Language
- Personal and Vocational Counseling
- Driver's Education and Health Education Training
- Residential dormitory facilities including room and meals
- Clothing Allowance (\$317 the first year and \$103 the second year)
- Allowance at Center of \$0 to \$100 per month
- Readjustment Allowance if the applicant stays eight (8) months or more (\$100 per month)
- Allotments for dependent children
- Advanced Career Training at a Junior College level leading to a vocational certificate
- Recreation Programs - Intermural and intramural sports
- Placement Services
- Health Services
- Pre-placement work experience

Child Care Market RatesCounty: OTSEGO

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DCC Weekly	\$88.00	\$81.00	\$78.00	\$72.00	\$69.00
Part Time	\$58.61	\$53.95	\$51.95	\$47.95	\$45.95
Hourly				\$2.30	\$2.24
FDC Weekly	\$73.00	\$70.00	\$69.00	\$68.00	\$65.00
Part Time	\$48.62	\$46.62	\$45.95	\$45.29	\$43.29
Hourly				\$1.99	\$2.04
GFDC Weekly	\$77.00	\$76.00	\$75.00	\$74.00	\$71.00
Part Time	\$51.28	\$50.62	\$49.95	\$49.28	\$47.29
Hourly				\$2.19	\$2.16
SACC Weekly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$78.00	\$68.00
Part Time	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51.95	\$45.29
Hourly				\$1.80	\$1.80
Informal Care (including In Home Care)	\$54.75	\$52.50	\$51.75	\$51.00	\$48.75
Part Time	\$36.46	\$34.97	\$34.47	\$33.97	\$32.47
Hourly				\$1.49	\$1.53

Key:

DCC - Day Care Center

FDC - Family Day Care (including approved child care family home)

GFDC - Group Family Day Care

SACC - School Age Child Care (except for non-registered SACC defined and paid as informal child care)