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Date: April 28, 1995

Division: Office of Housing
and Adult Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Protective Services for Adults: Suffolk County's Award
Winning Adult/Elder Abuse Project

ATTACHMENTS: Summary of the Adult/Elder Abuse Initiatives Implemented
by the Suffolk County Executive's Task Force on Family
Violence
(Attachment Not Available On-Line)

The purpose of this release is to inform you of a national award winning elder/adult abuse project in Suffolk County.

Recently, the Suffolk County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence received the first place award in the National Center on Elder Adult's "Best Practices in Elder Abuse Coordination" competition. The Suffolk County Task Force, which has been in existence since 1988, includes representatives from over 40 public and private agencies and is Chaired by John B. Wingate, the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services.

Over the last several years this Task Force has implemented a number of noteworthy training, public education, prevention and intervention initiatives which have enhanced Suffolk County's ability to serve the frail elderly and other impaired adults who are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation. A summary of the Suffolk County initiative is attached for your information. While many other districts have implemented innovative and effective community wide initiatives for serving the impaired adult population, I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Commissioner Wingate, his staff and the members of the Suffolk County Task Force for their effectiveness and their well deserved recognition.

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If you would like more information on the Suffolk County initiative, your staff may contact Carole A. Pichney of the Suffolk County Department of Social Services at (516) 853-2338.

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