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Office: Strategic Planning
and Policy Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1997 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS)

ATTACHMENTS: MAPS Profiles are not available on-line in OFISLINK
MAPS Profiles are available on-line in Microsoft Exchange

For the first time, Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) data packages are being distributed electronically to users of Microsoft Exchange. Each district's MAPS data can be found in a district-specific Public Folder. To access a district's data, under Public Folders, click on OCFS (Office of Children and Family Services), then click on MAPS (Monitoring and Analysis Profiles), then click on an individual district or on a program area.

The 1997 MAPS data package contains data on the four major child welfare programs: Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care and Adoption. I encourage you to have MAPS Profiles shared with Services staff and to review and use the data in your planning and administrative activities. Local Departments of Social Services that are involved in integrated county planning efforts with other governmental and private agencies may want to share this data.

This is the twelfth year that MAPS has been produced. Over that time, the package has changed in response to your feedback and as trends and priorities have changed. The overall format is similar to previous packages with the "Introduction" describing the general characteristics of the package, followed by data pages and concluding with appendices that clarify the source of the data used.

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In reviewing this package, you are reminded that MAPS was not designed as a stand-alone set of indicators that judges how well or how poorly a district is performing. We recognize the complexities within local districts that make each case worthy of individual consideration. With this in mind, MAPS continues to be used as a starting point for program specific conversations between our respective staffs. This approach has resulted in constructive, focused agendas aimed at improving services to families and children.

Your Regional Office staff are prepared to assist you in analyzing the data and responding to issues that the data generate. Comments on design issues should be made to Larry Brown, Director, Bureau of Management Information and Evaluation Services, 8-C, 40 N. Pearl Street, Albany, NY 12243, [1-800-343-8859], extension 49429, OFISLINK USER-ID SV0040.

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