

OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

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| LOCAL COMMISSIONERS MEMORANDUM |
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Date: April 21, 2000

Division: Transitional
Supports & Policy

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Domestic Violence Allocation Use

ATTACHMENTS: Domestic Violence Plan Amendment - on-line

The purpose of this Local Commissioner's Memorandum is to provide you with clarification on the uses of TANF funded domestic violence (DV) allocations. A number of districts have indicated that their DV allocation is more than sufficient to support their current DV liaison services and would like to use the funds for other DV related activities provided to TANF eligible individuals and families.

As previously stated in 99 LCM-28, districts must use these allocations to support the Family Violence Option (FVO) and the DV assessment process. The funding is mainly provided to support the DV liaison position(s). These allocations are separate from the funds that are set aside for State sponsored training for DV liaisons.

If funds remain after these functions are supported, funding can be used for core or optional domestic violence services, as defined in Part 462 of NYCRR, provided by approved non-residential programs for DV victims (either by purchase of services or directly by the local district). This could include additional counseling services, employment related services and/or preventive case management. Funds may not be used to supplant other DV funding or to reduce existing and/or future DV contracts. The budget language states that these funds are available to reimburse districts for additional direct costs associated with DV screening and referral to counseling and related services. Funds may be used only for any increased costs that relate solely to the above requirements and would not otherwise have been incurred by the district.

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If your district plans to use any of your allocation for DV services other than those included in your original plan, you must submit a plan amendment. The "Domestic Violence Plan Amendment" format is attached. This plan amendment will be reviewed by OTDA staff, and you will be notified in writing of the Office's decision. Plan amendments should be submitted to:

Debbie McArdle
OTDA-OTSP
40 North Pearl Street, 8-C
Albany, NY 12243
or
Fax to: (518)402-3029
or
E-mail to: AV7360

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie McArdle at (518) 474-2828, or Pat Monks at (518) 473-9675.

Sincerely,

Shari Noonan
Director
Office of Transitional
Supports & Policy

Attachment

Date: _____

County: _____

DVL Coordinator: _____

Domestic Violence Plan Amendment

Please describe how you are changing your current plan, including additions to the plan.

If your plan includes services, please list the names and addresses of the service providers. (Please attach a copy of the agreement or contract between your district and the provider, if applicable.)

If your plan includes services, how many victims and/or children will be served?

Breakdown of expenses

Year 1999-2000

Amount

Purpose

Year 2000-2001

Amount

Purpose

Completed by:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone Number: _____