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Division: Strategic Planning
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TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: SFY 1997/98 Family and Children's Services Funds Allocations

ATTACHMENTS: (A) SFY 97/98 Family and Children's Services Block Grant
Allocations (On-Line)
(B) SFY 97/98 TANF Title XX Transfer Allocations (On-Line)

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide social services districts with their family and children's services funds allocations for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 1997/98 (April 1, 1997 through March 30, 1998) from these sources:

- (1) the SFY 1997/98 Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) appropriation (\$507,335,000);
- (2) the transfer of funds from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) to Title XX (\$98,400,000).

The Federal Title XX funds appropriation allocation will be made to districts in a separate memorandum.

The methodologies for the allocation of these funds are set out below and are the basis for the allocations tables which accompany this memorandum as Attachments.

Family and Children's Services Block Grant (FCSBG) Allocation

After first setting aside \$7.4 million to be used for the support of congregate foster care, 90% of the remaining \$499,935,000 FCSBG balance (\$449,941,500) has been allocated to districts based on district expenditures as adjusted by the State Random Moment Study (SRMS) for block

grant services (foster care, adoption services other than adoption subsidy, child protective services, and preventive services for children) in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 1994/95 and 1995/96. This allocation is determined by adding together whichever is the higher of the district's FFY 1994/95 or FFY 1995/96 claim for each of the four block grant services categories to get the district's FFY 1995/96 FCSBG base claim. The base claims for all districts were then totaled and each district's individual percentage share of the Statewide total was calculated. The district percentages thus calculated were used to compute the amount of each district's allocation for the 90% amount (\$449,941,500).

To this amount was then added the distribution of the \$7.4 million for the support of congregate foster care: \$6.4 million to New York City and \$1.0 million distributed to Upstate districts in the same proportion as each district's percentage share of the 90% amount as calculated above bears to the Upstate (other than New York City) total of the 90% amount.

Finally, the remaining amount of the FCSBG (\$49,993,500) has been allocated in the following order:

- (1) allocate funds so as to create allocation stabilization, that is, to ensure that each district's 1997/98 allocation is at least equal to the district's allocation for FFY 1996/97 prior to the addition of allocations based on the district's child population estimates and child protective services reports for Calendar Year 1995;
- (2) reserve \$9,167 for payment to Ulster County per subsection 153-d, SSL, stipulation;
- (3) create a \$500,000 fund for grants to offset extreme foster care expenditure rises in small districts of less than 16,000 total child population under the age of 18; and
- (4) distribute remaining funds to all districts based one-half on each district's percentage of child population estimates on a Statewide basis and one-half on each district's percentage of child protective reports on a Statewide basis for Calendar Year 1996.

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Title XX Transfer

In accordance with the enabling provisions of Federal law and regulations on TANF and Title XX, the State has chosen to transfer \$168,400,000 of TANF funds for the support of Title XX and child welfare services. Of this amount, \$20,000,000 has been allocated to districts pursuant to the Title XX allocation formula in which each district's share of the \$20 million allocation is based on the district's FFY 1995/96 Title XX allocation in proportion to the total Statewide FFY 1995/96 Title XX allocation.

Another \$78.4 million of the TANF transfer has been allocated based on the final allocation percentage determined in the FCSBG allocation outlined above. \$8.4 million of these funds are specifically being allocated to ensure the availability of funds for Title XX services in light of the congregate foster care set-aside being made from the basic FCSBG appropriation. The remaining \$70 million will be used to offset State funds.

Because of the Federal TANF income eligibility requirements, these funds must be expended for services to families whose income is no greater than 200% of the Federal Poverty Income level for the family size. All Title XX rules apply to these funds, including the prohibition for use for foster care maintenance.

Information/Questions Contact

To request additional information or to ask questions regarding these allocations, contact the Regional Office representative serving your county.

Transfer Implementation

Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997 renames the Department of Social Services as the Department of Family Assistance comprised of two independent offices: the Office of Children and Family Services and the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. Upon the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and compliance with the Civil Service Laws, responsibility as specified in Chapter 436 will be transferred from the former Department of Social Services to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and fully integrated with the functions and duties of the former Division for Youth. The contents contained herein have been approved by all necessary staff of the referenced agencies.

William Baccaligni
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SFY 97/98 FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PER BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION</u>	<u>PER 95/97 TITLE XX ALLOCATION</u>
ALBANY	1,200,361	244,369
ALLEGANY	115,550	24,684
BROOME	660,120	130,561
CATTARAUGUS	150,722	48,296
CAYUGA	133,336	53,209
CHAUTAUQUA	280,671	91,801
CHEMUNG	238,953	53,710
CHENANGO	76,184	28,820
CLINTON	192,043	54,324
COLUMBIA	112,674	28,408
CORTLAND	168,814	21,970
DELAWARE	177,254	26,930
DUTCHESS	463,361	113,125
ERIE	2,122,449	632,207
ESSEX	64,280	19,592
FRANKLIN	60,319	31,025
FULTON	130,882	36,209
GENESEE	100,192	30,493
GREENE	101,997	24,951
HAMILTON	6,026	2,915
HERKIMER	109,536	28,794
JEFFERSON	232,090	49,755
LEWIS	54,948	16,254
LIVINGSTON	103,192	27,070
MADISON	125,239	32,755
MONROE	2,921,713	585,475
MONTGOMERY	98,786	32,663
NASSAU	1,334,606	805,898
NIAGARA	413,061	144,814
ONEIDA	936,983	141,459
ONONDAGA	2,008,634	285,095
ONTARIO	197,471	40,065
ORANGE	1,032,034	160,336
ORLEANS	68,854	18,811
OSWEGO	422,438	53,146
OTSEGO	169,033	38,457
PUTNAM	90,326	35,340
RENSSELAER	231,506	111,801
ROCKLAND	832,704	155,787
ST LAWRENCE	202,677	70,591
SARATOGA	159,867	65,996
SCHENECTADY	864,075	82,103
SCHOHARIE	77,755	15,551
SCHUYLER	34,862	12,213
SENECA	100,295	19,295
STEUBEN	229,372	55,340
SUFFOLK	2,034,970	822,927

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<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>PER BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION</u>	<u>PER 95/97 TITLE XX ALLOCATION</u>
SULLIVAN	310,531	36,487
TIOGA	95,974	20,533
TOMPKINS	242,810	48,329
ULSTER	543,585	63,064
WARREN	81,801	31,477
WASHINGTON	116,658	26,388
WAYNE	114,335	45,252
WESTCHESTER	3,244,185	896,136
WYOMING	59,093	21,291
YATES	30,721	10,637
NEW YORK CITY	51,917,090	13,195,016
TOTAL	78,400,000	20,000,000

SFY 97/98 TANF TITLE XX TRANSFER ALLOCATIONS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
ALBANY	7,759,846
ALLEGANY	746,968
BROOME	4,267,376
CATTARAUGUS	974,320
CAYUGA	861,937
CHAUTAUQUA	1,814,361
CHEMUNG	1,544,698
CHENANGO	492,476
CLINTON	1,241,451
COLUMBIA	728,369
CORTLAND	1,091,295
DELAWARE	1,145,871
DUTCHESS	2,995,363
ERIE	13,720,545
ESSEX	415,532
FRANKLIN	389,913
FULTON	846,080
GENESEE	647,677
GREENE	659,360
HAMILTON	38,954
HERKIMER	708,083
JEFFERSON	1,500,316
LEWIS	355,208
LIVINGSTON	667,071
MADISON	809,596
MONROE	18,887,730
MONTGOMERY	638,589
NASSAU	8,627,410
NIAGARA	2,670,192
ONEIDA	6,057,199
ONONDAGA	12,985,031
ONTARIO	1,276,541
ORANGE	6,671,642
ORLEANS	445,097
OSWEGO	2,730,863
OTSEGO	1,092,720
PUTNAM	583,900
RENSSELAER	1,496,532
ROCKLAND	5,583,098
ST LAWRENCE	1,310,186
SARATOGA	1,033,396
SCHENECTADY	5,585,916
SCHOHARIE	502,645
SCHUYLER	225,361
SENECA	648,352
STEUBEN	1,482,759
SUFFOLK	13,154,907

SFY 97/98 FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATIONS

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
SULLIVAN	2,007,450
TIOGA	620,411
TOMPKINS	1,569,656
ULSTER	3,523,208 (See Note 1)
WARREN	528,783
WASHINGTON	754,124
WAYNE	739,087
WESTCHESTER	20,972,437
WYOMING	381,998
YATES	198,590
NEW YORK CITY	335,626,523
TOTAL	506,835,000 (See Note 2)

Note 1: Includes \$9,197 adjustment per SSL 153-d.

Note 2: Excludes the \$500,000 set-aside for small county relief.