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Division: Family and Children
Services

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: CPS Risk Assessment

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A: Risk Assessment Recommendation Report
(not available on-line)

The purpose of this memorandum is to keep you informed of the Department's continuing activities related to the development of risk assessment standards. Since my last correspondence with you on this subject (see 89-LCM-165, 9/11/89), several significant developments have occurred.

First, the Department's internal workgroup has completed a comprehensive review of all the major risk assessment systems and their adaptability for use in New York State. A description of the process undertaken, subsequent findings, and interim recommendations are all included in the attached Report. Although the recommendations contained therein reflect the Department's present position, I would like to emphasize that these are interim recommendations which may be retained or revised following an extensive information sharing and feedback period.

Secondly, plans are underway to conduct a variety of forums with the Department's CPS Advisory Committee, NYPWA, local districts, and voluntary agency representatives. These meetings will include a discussion of the Department's Risk Assessment Workgroup Report and an examination of policy and implementation issues and concerns.

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I believe that this approach will help ensure that all views are appropriately considered before a decision is made regarding statewide risk assessment standards and their implementation. If you or your staff have any questions before these meetings commence or at any time thereafter, please contact your Family and Children Services Regional Office Director or the Division's Risk Assessment Project Director, Barry Salovitz, 1-800-342-3715, extension 30796.

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