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Division: Services and
Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: 1995 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS)

ATTACHMENTS: MAPS Profiles are not available on-line.

Enclosed is the 1995 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles (MAPS) data package.
It contains data on the four major child welfare programs: Child Protective
Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care and Adoption. I encourage you to
share this material with your Services' staff and to review and use the data
in your planning and administrative activities.

This is the tenth 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 the data pages and concluding with appendices that
clarify the source of the data used.

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.

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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, Performance Monitoring and Analysis Unit, 10-C, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, NY   12243 [1-800-343-8859], extension 49429, OFISLINK USER-ID SV0040.

                          Sincerely,

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