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Dear Commissioner Weiner:

On July 15<sup>th</sup>, the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services, and the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance would like to invite you to join us for an initial discussion regarding the regulatory requirements for domestic violence residential and non-residential programs (specifically NYCRR parts 408, 452, 453, and 462). This initial meeting will include representatives of domestic violence service providers from around the State, local social services district commissioners, as well as representatives from our three agencies.

Implementation of most of the regulations began in 1989. We recognize that over time some of the sections have become obsolete, while others have not kept pace with the changing demographics of the clients you serve. We hope that this meeting will be the beginning of a dialogue that identifies current challenges and suggests future solutions. We expect that this initial meeting will develop a work plan going forward that will include the topics to be addressed, as well as mechanisms for holding future meetings in as transparent and inclusive a manner as possible, perhaps through the use of web-casting. In about two weeks we will send you a preliminary outline of issues that we know are of concern or pose difficulties for programs and localities regarding these regulations; this document is intended to be a starting point for our ongoing conversation, and we look forward to hearing from you as to how to make the list as accurate and complete as possible.

The meeting will be held on July 15 in the Blue Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the NYS Capitol, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP to Barbara DuVal at the Office of Children and Family Services (518) 402-6513 or by email at Barbara.DuVal@ocfs.state.ny.us if you are able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

 

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