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Division: Management Support and
Quality Improvement

Services and Community
Development

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Teleconference: "Learn, Work, Earn Program; Steps to Self
Sufficiency", Thursday, November 30, 1995, 9:30-11:30 AM

ATTACHMENTS: None

The Department of Social Services', Office of Human Resource Development and the Division of Services and Community Development, is pleased to present a teleconference entitled, "The Learn, Work, Earn Program: Steps To Self Sufficiency" on Thursday, November 30, 1995

The Learn, Work, Earn Program is a youth employment demonstration project with Niagara County and the Region 1 and 2 Independent Living Center at Buffalo State College. This project prepares foster care youth for employment, but the employment principles taught have an applicability to the general social service population.

This teleconference is specifically designed for local district and voluntary agency services and employment supervisors and line staff interested in developing employment programs for foster care youth or under or unemployed young adults on public assistance.

National statistics such as those reported in the WESTAT study as well as our own NYS numbers illuminate the need to better prepare our foster care youth for self sufficiency by promoting employment readiness and career preparation. In response to these issues and to Welfare Reform's goal of employment, the "Learn, Work, Earn" program presents a unique opportunity to:

- o Assess youth skills and employment goals.
- o Further develop the unique skills of caseworkers, child care workers, foster parents and other adult caregivers in assisting youth to develop skills needed to gain employment.
- o Expand upon existing local community resources and partnerships and develop new alliances to forward these goals.
- o Provide youth with positive employment experience while setting goals for future self sufficiency.
- o Model the unique partnerships between Niagara County and the Independent Living Center and the established local connections with Niagara County Employment and Training, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and various voluntary agencies as well as new alliances with community groups, business and educational entities.

This teleconference will be broadcast on SUNYSAT and can be viewed by local districts equipped with a SUNYSAT satellite dish. In New York City this program can be viewed at the following locations:

Brooklyn Health Science Center
Lecture Hall 6
450 Clarkson
Brooklyn, NY 11203

Fashion Institute of Technology
Amphitheatre
8th Ave. and 27th Street
New York, NY

A formal teleconference announcement with a registration form is forthcoming. If you would like to register via e-mail, please send the number of attendees, the name and date of the teleconference, and the site at which they will be attending to ID AW7510. If you have any questions, please refer them to Paula Hennessy at (518) 474-3353 (ID AX8550), or Dave McGann at (518) 473-8380 (ID AW2950).

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