

OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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DIVISION: Development and  
Prevention Services

TO: Commissioners of Social Services  
Executive Directors of Voluntary Agencies

DATE: October 10, 2000

SUBJECT: Public Folder Established for Federally Required  
Child and Family Services Reviews

SUGGESTED Directors of Social Services  
DISTRIBUTION: Child Welfare Supervisors  
Staff Development Coordinators

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ATTACHMENTS: None

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
					45 CFR 1355.31- 1355.37 and 1355.39

On January 25, 2000 the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published in the Federal Register final regulations on the review of State child and family service programs administered under Titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. The regulations provide for initial Child and Family Service Reviews to be conducted in all States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico during the four-year period following the effective date of the regulation, and at specified intervals thereafter.

The reviews encompass State Plan and other program requirements pertaining to child protective services, foster care, adoption, family preservation and family support. The review process is two-fold, including a Statewide Assessment prepared by the State agency in collaboration with external representatives within the State, followed by an on-site review jointly conducted by federal and State members of a review team approximately six months from the initiation of the Statewide Assessment.

The Administration for Children and Families identified seventeen jurisdictions in which they will conduct on-site reviews during the Federal Fiscal Year 2001 (October 1, 2000 - September 30, 2001). They have confirmed that New York will be among these first seventeen reviews.

OCFS has established a public folder for the purpose of sharing material related to this review process. The folder can be accessed as follows:

Public Folders

All Public Folders

Statewide

OCFS

Federal Reviews

Child & Family Service Review (CFSR)

Documents

Data

IV-E Eligibility Review

Foster Care Maintenance & Payments

MEPA

Initial material placed in this public folder includes the power point documents received from ACF and draft State data relating to State performance. As the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) receives related material from ACF or develops State-level material, such material will be placed in this public folder. When significant or time-sensitive material is placed in this public folder, OCFS will send a notification to Commissioners; however, it may be necessary to assign responsibility to a staff person to track ongoing activity in the public folder.

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Questions may be directed to the contact person noted on the front page of this release. In the future, as material is added to the public folder, such material may include a designated contact person with responsibility for responding to questions on that particular information.

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