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Division: Income Maintenance

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Earned Income Credit Campaign

ATTACHMENTS: "Fact Pack" - not available on-line.

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise districts about the Earned Income Credit Campaign and to provide material for districts to use in publicizing the Earned Income Credit (EIC).

In order to receive the EIC, eligible families must file a federal tax return. They do not automatically receive the EIC. The Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, which took full effect in 1988, eliminated federal income tax liabilities for millions of low income working families. As a result, many more low income working families owe no federal taxes. Many of these families may think there is no reason to file a tax return and may lose the EIC to which they are entitled.

The goal of the Earned Income Credit Campaign is to inform low income working families of this potential benefit and to advise and encourage them to file a federal income tax return even if they owe no federal tax.

A family may be eligible for the Earned Income Credit if there is a working parent with at least one child and their earned income in 1989 was less than \$19,340. Thus, this benefit may be available not only to the applicants and recipients of social services programs, but also to the employees of local districts and other county employees as well.

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Since the EIC means more money for low income New Yorkers, we highly encourage you and your staff to become involved in the campaign to spread the word about the EIC. We would also encourage you to work with advocates and community based organizations in their efforts to have people apply for the EIC.

An Informational Letter will follow this memorandum. The INF will have more details about the EIC eligibility, but will not have the "Fact Pack" as an attachment since our supply is limited. The wider distribution of INF will enable us to get the information to as many people as possible. Additionally, information regarding EIC was included in the recent mailing about census jobs sent to employable public assistance and food stamp recipients.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

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