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Division: Commissioner's  
Office

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Release of New York KIDS COUNT 1995 Data Book

ATTACHMENTS: None

The Department, in collaboration with the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus and the New York State Division for Youth (DFY), is participating in the New York State KIDS COUNT project. The purpose of this project is to make data on the status of children and youth available to state and local policy makers, planners, advocates, service providers, and all others interested in the well-being of New York's young people. The project will encourage the use of these data in a series of regional KIDS COUNT summits to be held in November and December. All local districts will be invited to participate in the regional summits, hosted by the Youth Bureau Association and DFY. The proposed schedule for the regional summits is as follows:

Nov. 3	Capital District
Nov. 8	North Country
Nov. 16	Central Region
Nov. 29	Southern Region
Dec. 1	Western Region
Dec. 5	Long Island
Dec. 6	New York City
Dec. 8	Genesee/Finger Lakes
Dec. 12	Taconic Region

A state KIDS COUNT conference will follow the regional summits and is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 1996.

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The 1995 KIDS COUNT data book, containing data for each county, is scheduled to be released on October 16th. The distribution of the data book will be accompanied by press notices. Therefore, we will try to make sure that you receive an advance copy several days prior to the release date, so that you may prepare potential responses to media inquiries. These data are embargoed from public use or wider distribution until October 16th.

We believe that the 1995 data book will be a valuable resource, as we continue to respond to the many issues that confront New York State's children and their families.

If you have questions about the Kids Count project, or about the data for your district, you may call Nancy Dunton at (518) 473-6709.

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