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Commissioner

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Dear Commissioner:

We are writing to extend an invitation to your staff to attend the upcoming New York Welfare Fraud Investigators Association (NYWFIA) 41st Annual Training Seminar to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Binghamton, New York June 1-3, 2026.

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) and the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) are co-hosting this seminar with NYWFIA, whose members work actively every day to combat welfare fraud. This training program is an excellent forum for social services experts from a wide range of backgrounds to share best practices in fraud detection and prevention and discuss new ideas.

New York State continues to be a leader in establishing innovative programs and processes to ensure the integrity of the State's public benefit programs, including Temporary Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Child Care Assistance (Subsidy) and Medicaid. The training seminar will feature workshops tailored to new and experienced investigators, administrators, and eligibility staff. Our focus in every seminar remains the sharing of best practices and presenting new ideas that will enhance your agency's efforts to prevent, detect, investigate, and prosecute fraud.

Staff from OTDA and OCFS will be in attendance to conduct breakout sessions devoted to program integrity initiatives and offer an opportunity for local social services district staff to meet representatives from the respective agency program integrity offices and program areas.
OTDA and OCFS are offering 178 registration scholarships to local districts for the seminar. Attached to this letter is a memo to your Staff Development Coordinator providing more detailed information about the application process for these registration scholarships.

We hope your agency will take advantage of this important training opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

cc: Local District Staff Development Coordinators
Fraud Directors
Directors of Services
Day Care Supervisors