

Public Hearings Slated on Maternal and Child Health Block Grant

The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Advisory Council and the

New York State Department of Health are asking people who are interested in

the health of mothers, women of childbearing age, infants, children and adolescents, including those with special health care needs, for their comments in the following areas:

Concerns about newly emerging health issues or changes in the health status of mothers, babies, children and adolescents in New York State;

Suggestions to improve access to high-quality maternal and child health services for all New York's mothers, babies and children;

How to best serve children with special health care needs and their families; and how to improve local resources (infrastructure) for serving the maternal and child health populations;

Public hearings will be held:

September 28, 2007

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room 1

Albany, NY

AND

November 30, 2007

12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Location to be determined

New York, NY

Verbal comments may be offered at these public hearings. Verbal comments must not exceed ten minutes and, whenever possible, should be accompanied by at least two written summaries of the comments. Those interested in testifying MUST call Sheila Freres at 518-474-1388 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on any business day, but not later than one week before the scheduled hearing, in order to arrange for a specific place on the comments agenda.

Comments may be sent electronically to the following e-mail address:

mwc01@health.state.ny.us. Please place in the subject line: COMMENTS/MCHSBG.

Comments may be sent via U.S. Mail. Letters should be addressed to:

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Comments may be faxed in letter format to Ms. Cravetz at (518) 473-2015.