

THE ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF NEW YORK  
ALBANY

October 24, 2014

Sheila J. Poole, Acting Commissioner  
NYS Office for Children and Families  
Capitol View Office Park  
52 Washington Street  
Rensselaer, NY 12144-2834

Dear Commissioner Poole:

As members of the New York State Assembly, we are writing to you to ascertain your agency's involvement in the caring for thousands of undocumented migrant children who have recently begun residing in New York State. These youth, having fled violence and poverty in their own Central American countries, have complex social, health, legal, and educational needs that New York State is obligated to address, regardless of their immigration status. While much of their initial care is provided for by the federal government, the majority of children arriving here are placed with families and guardians throughout the State, primarily in the New York metro area and on Long Island.

Based on testimony from a recent Assembly hearing on this matter, there appears to be a gap in connecting youth and their families with existing state and local services. Many witnesses at the hearing praised your agency's efforts in this regard, but we think that it's important to hear from you directly about what services and resources are being made available to these youth and their families.

Therefore, we are asking you to detail the services you are currently offering to help care for these youth in the localities in which they are residing, the resources being devoted in terms of staff and finances, any plans you have to deal with a possible continued influx of youth, and actions the State Legislature can take to help you care for these children.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions about this request, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Michele Titus  
New York State Assembly Member  
Chair, Social Services Committee

Donna Lupardo  
New York State Assembly Member  
Chair, Children and Families Committee

Marcos Crespo  
New York State Assembly Member  
Chair, Task Force on New Americans



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Commissioner Kristin M. Proud  
Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
40 North Pearl Street  
Albany, NY 12243

Dear Commissioner Proud:

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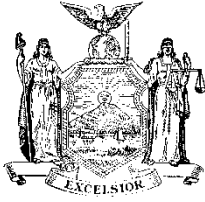
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Dr. John B. King, Jr., Commissioner  
New York State Education Department  
89 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12234

Dear Commissioner King:

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