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Dear Colleague,

I am pleased to announce the dates and agenda for NYWFIA's 2011 Regional Training Sessions. Once again, our partners at NYS OTDA are co-sponsoring the trainings. The sites and dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 27, 2011 – Millennium Airport Hotel, Cheektowaga
- Tuesday, October 18, 2011 – Crown Plaza, Syracuse
- Tuesday & Wednesday, November 1 & 2, 2011 – Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown
- Wednesday, November 16, 2011 – Albany Marriott Hotel, Albany

The morning session, presented by OTDA, will concentrate on electronic applications. Their instructors will concentrate on E-apps already in use, and how they relate to other systems, as well as planned improvements. They will also present Front End Detection System audit results and best practices, and the new FEDS reporting application and database. As always, they will devote some time to updates, keeping you abreast of important changes in program areas. You will also be given time for questions.

The afternoon session will be "Taking Better Statements". Retired Sergeant Tom Vasile from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office will instruct attendees on how to take better statements, a skill that can be used by nearly any public servant. He will include some instruction on deceptive behaviors and Nerolinguistic Programming, helping the interviewer to detect misrepresentations.

In keeping with our efforts to include everyone who is involved with a welfare fraud case, we are inviting everyone who interacts with the FEDS and Fraud units to participate at these trainings. Your staff development or training coordinator can register you for the training when it is posted in the Statewide Training and Registration System (STARS). For NYC-IREA staff, please contact Ms. Patricia Ponce by email at Poncep@hra.nyc.gov. All other HRA staff should contact your personnel office for registration. As always, the training is free. I hope everyone will take advantage of this training and encourage your colleagues to attend.

I look forward to seeing you at the training.

Sincerely,

Perry Wheeler
President

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