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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Staff Development Coordinators  
Welfare Fraud Directors  
Directors of Services  
Day Care Supervisors

**FROM:** Kevin Sullivan, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)  
Michele Black, Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)

**SUBJECT:** New York Welfare Fraud Investigators Association (NYWFIA) 37<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Training Seminar - New York State Registration Scholarship Information

**DATE:** September 7, 2022

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A letter was recently sent by OTDA Commissioner Daniel Tietz and OCFS Commissioner Sheila Poole to your Local District Commissioner regarding the NYWFIA Annual Training Seminar to be held October 16-19, 2022. The letter indicated that OTDA and OCFS will offer registration scholarships for welfare fraud staff and local district day care staff to attend this 37<sup>th</sup> annual event.

OTDA is offering a scholarship to each of the 58 districts across the State and, and for the eighth year, is offering an additional 31 scholarships to counties within a 200-mile radius of the seminar site. OCFS is offering 58 scholarships for local district child care and fraud staff and will also offer an additional 31 scholarships to counties within a 200-mile radius of the seminar site. This allows us to extend our comprehensive team approach to combating welfare fraud by including our partners who administer day care programs. These 178 registration scholarships will be awarded through criteria established by OTDA and OCFS, and will cover the full seminar registration fee for each attendee designated.

At this year's seminar, OTDA and OCFS staff will conduct discussions to allow investigators to talk directly with project managers of a wide range of Program Integrity initiatives. Additionally, OTDA will host an interactive discussion on current welfare fraud issues. Lastly, based on local district feedback, OTDA will again host a Fraud Director meeting as an open forum to discuss cross-district issues and other relevant fraud initiatives.

To register your designated scholarship recipients or should your agency require any additional information about these scholarships, please have the **Staff Development Coordinator** contact the respective State liaison listed below. We have also attached the NYWFIA announcement letter and tentative agenda. The Seminar registration form and hotel information are located on the NYWFIA website [www.nywfia.org](http://www.nywfia.org).

For OTDA scholarship registration, please contact Kevin Sullivan at [Kevin.Sullivan@otda.ny.gov](mailto:Kevin.Sullivan@otda.ny.gov) or (518) 473-2582. For OCFS scholarship registration, please contact Michele Black at [Michele.Black@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Michele.Black@ocfs.ny.gov) or (518) 486-6117.

Attachments