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TO: LOCAL OFFICE STAFF
FROM: *Joyce Sampson* JOYCE SAMPSON
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR FIELD AND ELIGIBILITY OPERATIONS
RE: Availability of Substance Abuse Treatment Shelters

This memo is a reminder concerning the statewide availability of substance abuse treatment programs for persons seeking treatment for a substance abuse problem. The Department funds nine such treatment shelters statewide for EA eligible households and the Department of Public Health funds other substance abuse treatment programs for non-EA eligible household.

An EA application is taken at the local office or the Family Housing Welfare Office at Grove Hall for Boston families.

If the EA household is: (1) eligible; (2) homeless; and (3) volunteers to enter a substance abuse treatment shelter, the worker should contact the Substance Abuse Intake Coordinator at the Family Housing Welfare Office at Grove Hall at (617) 541-0641. The Substance Abuse Intake Coordinator will identify available substance abuse treatment slots and arrange an intake interview(s).

If the EA household is: (1) not EA eligible; and/or (2) not homeless; but voluntarily requests substance abuse treatment, the worker must deny the EA application but refer the person to a non-welfare funded substance abuse treatment program in the area.

Please refer to Chapter 10: Emergency Assistance in the AFDC Reference Guide for the procedures to process a request for shelter abuse treatment.

If there are any questions about this process, the local office Hotline designee should call the Policy Hotline at (617) 348-8478.