



June 12, 2013

Dear Colleague:

The Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs (Justice Center) becomes operational on June 30, 2013. The law requires individuals who are “mandated reporters” in OASAS programs to adhere to a Code of Conduct developed by the Justice Center and to provide attestation that they will abide by the Code. Attached to this letter are:

- 1) A letter from the Justice Center;
- 2) A “Notice to Mandated Reporters”;
- 3) The Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct must be read and signed prior to June 30, 2013 by any Mandated Reporters in your program. The signed Code must be retained in that person’s personnel folder and they may be given a copy for their own records.

We appreciate your compliance in this matter. Further information is available at www.justicecenter.ny.gov. OASAS is in the process of developing a web page on the OASAS internet site, upon which we will post letters to the field, regulations, training information, FAQs and other relevant information as it becomes available. We encourage you to visit the site frequently.

In the meantime, a link to Chapter 501 of the Laws of 2012 is provided below for your reference. We encourage you to read through this legislation, and to contact us if you have any specific questions or concerns. Over the ensuing weeks, we plan to seek input from the provider community as we develop the technological processes and systems by which this law will be implemented.

<http://www.governor.ny.gov/Justice4SpecialNeeds/home>

Sincerely,

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Enclosures