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Dear Faculty and Students:

The Administration for Children's Services (Children's Services) is proud to join with the NYC Social Work Education Consortium in a project to promote and develop a continued and lasting partnership. Together we can be more effective in protecting children, strengthening families and working with community partners. Children's Services Five Key Commitments are:

- No child we come into contact with will be left to struggle alone with abuse or neglect.
- No family who needs and wants help to keep their children safe will be left without the help it needs.
- Every child we come into contact with will get the help (s)he needs to be healthy and achieve his/her full educational and developmental potential.
- No child in our care will leave us without a caring, committed, permanent family.
- Every team member at Children's Services and each of our partner agencies can expect guidance, respect, and emotional support to achieve our goals. Every child, family, community member, and foster parent we come into contact with will be treated with the same concern and respect.

The Consortium has brought academia together with this public agency for the purpose of further professionalizing the child welfare staff and improving frontline practice. Together we decided that bringing real child welfare cases along with teaching guides for a wide spectrum of courses will enhance social work education. This will be useful for new social workers considering child welfare as their area of practice as well as our current staff who return to school for their MSW degrees.

The Real Cases Curriculum is based on actual child protection investigations and is drawn from multi-disciplinary sources within the field of social work. Children's Services hopes that you will find it to be a valuable tool.

Thank you,



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