



ACTION ALERT

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A non-profit tax-exempt organization representing New York City's community-based mental health sector.

RALLY!!

HELP THE HELPERS/COLA/TRENDED INCREASE

Monday, March 30, 1998

An alliance of human services organizations is joining together to hold a rally on the steps of the New York State Capitol on March 30 to encourage the New York State Legislature to provide funds in the 1998-99 State Budget for COLA/Trended Increase - some programs have not seen any type of rate increase for eight years or more. This is our best and only chance to achieve this trend and must give it all we've got!!

GET ON THE BUS!

A bus with room for 49 will be provided, leaving from The Coalition at 7:00 AM on Monday morning, March 30. We need direct care staff, consumers, and family members for this rally!

Please use the attached FAX form - (212) 541-6183 - to confirm your participation. Or, e-mail The Coalition: mailbox@cvmha.org with your information. Please return by Wednesday, March 25th.

Schedule of Events:

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| 7:00 am | Bus Leaves The Coalition - 120 West 57th Street, New York, NY |
| 10:00 am | Meet in Hearing Room B, Legislative Office Building, State Street, Albany for an update on the issues and some talking points, along with distribution of posters and buttons. |
| 11:15 am | Press Conference in Hearing Room B |
| 11:30 am | Lunch in East Park |
| 12:00 pm | Rally at East Steps of Capitol with a variety of Speakers |
| 1:30 pm | Meet with Legislators |
| 3:00 pm | Bus Departs for return to NYC from State Street entrance of LOB |

What Participants Should Bring

- ☛ Bring lunch or be prepared to purchase
- ☛ Signs with messages conveying the importance of a COLA/Trended Increase. Be creative. These signs should be worn around the neck or hand held - **no sticks or poles**

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RALLY RESPONSE SHEET

Name of Organization _____
Number of Participants _____
Names of Participants _____

Phone _____
Contact Person _____

Please complete and return by FAX to The Coalition (212) 541-6183