Public Education and Awareness

- The CSP operates a 24/7 toll-free referral phone line 1-866-442-CANCER (2262) has translators and refers callers directly to screening services, support services, legal services, and genetic counselors in their area.
- Print materials about various cancers (breast, cervical, colorectal, ovarian, prostate, and skin) are available through the NYSDOH Distribution Center. Available informational materials include posters, brochures, fact sheets and pamphlets. Publications in quantities up to 200 are available free of charge to New York State residents and organizations. Requests for materials can be mailed, faxed or emailed using the form and instructions found on the NYSDOH website at http://www.nyhealth.gov/forms/order_forms/cancer.htm

Professional Development

The CSP offers professional development opportunities and resources to clinical providers to ensure that CSP clients receive high quality screening, diagnostic and treatment services in a culturally sensitive manner. The following programs are a sample of available offerings:

- Statewide Grand Rounds “Eliminating Deaths from Cervical Cancer”
- Clinical Breast Exam Training: Improving technique and skills for clinical providers
- Mammography Quality Improvement interactive Continuing Medical Education-based DVD
- Colorectal Cancer Professional Education
- Cultural Competency training

Cancer Screening Quick Facts

- More than 30% of New Yorkers are not up-to-date with their colorectal cancer screening.
- 1 in 5 New York women are not up-to-date with their mammography screening.
- The Pap test has reduced cervical cancer rates dramatically since it was first introduced in the United States 65 years ago.
- At least 6 of every 10 deaths from colon cancer could be prevented if every adult 50 years and older got tested regularly.
- Adults 18-64 years old with no health insurance at all in the past 12 months were 7 times more likely to skip medical care for cost reasons, compared with those continuously insured.

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Oswego, Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence Counties can call 855-592-0830

For additional information about the CSP, and information about how to access professional development opportunities and public education resources, please call (518) 474-1222. To find a CSP screening program near you call 1-866-442-CANCER (2262) or visit the NYSDOH website at http://www.health.ny.gov/nysdoh/cancer/center/partnerships