

County of Albany

Harold L. Joyce
Albany County Office Building
112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

5:30 PM

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
Cahill Room - First Floor**

Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

CURRENT BUSINESS:

2. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES NORTH, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES
3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF EVALUATION SERVICES FOR THE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM
4. AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
5. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PROVISION OF PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
6. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPOTTED ZEBRA LEARNING CENTER REGARDING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
7. AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS
8. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 21 FOR 2025 REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

5:30 PM

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building
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Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Ellen Rosano, Merton D. Simpson, Mickey Cleary, Beroro T. Efekoro, Andrew Joyce, Matthew J. Miller and Samuel I. Fein

Excused: Patrice Lockart and Frank A. Mauriello

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**2. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS PROGRAM

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA CENTERS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF THE FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY PROGRAM

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PROVO CANYON SCHOOL FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES REGARDING FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTIVE PARENT RECRUITMENT

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES TO PROVIDE VIRTUAL TRAINING TO CHILD PROTECTIVE WORKERS

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to contract with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. for the provision of foster care services.

The requested contract is for the term of January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026 for rates at no more than the Maximum State Aid Rate (MSAR) as mandated by New York State.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6475, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. for the Provision of Residential Foster Care

Date: April 1, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.
22 US Oval, Suite 218
Plattsburgh, NY 12903

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Maximum State Aid Rate

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	40	County:	10
State:	50	Local:	0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA 6119 3619/3661
Revenue Amount: Enter text.

Appropriation Account and Line: AA 6119 44405
Appropriation Amount: Maximum State Aid Rate

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: NYS Social Services Law 3714 and 383 Family Court Act
1051, 352.2 and 756

Request for Bids / Proposals:
 Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☐ No ☒
 # of Response(s): Enter text.
 # of MWBE: Enter text.
 # of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 18-504, 20-387, 22-433, 24-598, 25-20
11/13/18, 11/9/20, 11/14/22, 10/15/24, 2/10/25

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

See Attached Justification

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Authorization with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc.
for the Provision of Residential Foster Care

In accordance with the mandates articulated in Social Services Law 371 and 383, local districts are required to provide and pay for foster care services for youth in need of such services. The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Behavioral Health Services North, Inc. for the provision of residential foster care services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026. When children are placed in foster care with a particular provider, Albany County will pay no more than the Maximum State Aid Rate (MSAR) as mandated by New York State. If children are placed out of state, Albany County will pay no more than the Approved agency rate by the corresponding state.

The primary objective of Foster care is to reconcile children with the biological parents. However, if the parents are unable or unwilling to care for the child, or if the child is an orphan, then the first choice of adoptive parents is a relative known as kinship care. Most kinship care is done informally, without the involvement of a court or public organization. If no related family member is willing or able to adopt, the next preference is for the child to be adopted by foster parents or by someone else involved in the child's life.

If these options are not viable, the plan for the minor may be to enter other planned permanent living arrangements. This option allows the child to stay in custody of the state and the child can stay placed in a foster home, with a relative or a long-term care facility, such as a residential child care community or, for children with development disabilities, physical disabilities or mental disabilities, a treatment center.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH LIAHONA ACADEMY FOR YOUTH, LLC FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Introduced: 2/10/25

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Liahona Academy, LLC as an approved foster care agency for children whose care has become the responsibility of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that consideration for the services rendered by the agency is in the form of a rate established by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services as a maximum per diem reimbursement per child, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Liahona Academy, LLC, Hurricane, UT 84737 at rates not to exceed the maximum state aid rate as mandated by New York State for a term commencing December 27, 2024 and ending December 27, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to renew a contractual agreement with Schenectady County to provide Evaluation Services under the Preschool Special Education Program for children ages 3 -5 years old with disabilities.

The requested agreement is anticipated to generate \$5,000 for the term of July 1, 2025–June 30, 2026.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6476, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization with Schenectady County for Preschool Evaluation Services

Date: April 1, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Schenectady County Public Health Services
Children with Special Needs Program
107 Nott Terrace Room 306
Schenectady, NY 12308

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$5000 (approx.)

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	0	County:	0
State:	0	Local:	100

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA4059 03449
Revenue Amount: \$5000 (approx.)

Appropriation Account and Line: AA 6119 44405
Appropriation Amount: Maximum State Aid Rate

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒

If Mandated, Cite Authority:

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☒ No ☐

of Response(s): Enter text.

of MWBE: Enter text.

of Veteran Business: Enter text.

Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.

Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 24-265, 23-164, 22-117, 21-147, 20-197
5/13/24, 5/8/23, 4/11/22, 5/10/21, 6/8/20

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

See Attached Justification

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Backup Material for Contract Authorization with the Schenectady County Public Health Services Children with Special Needs Program for Evaluation Team Services

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully request legislative authorization to renew a contractual arrangement with the County of Schenectady to provide Evaluation Team services to the Schenectady County Children with Special Needs program. The Term of this agreement is July 01, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Reimbursement under this agreement shall be at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department.

Schenectady County does not have their own Children with Special Needs evaluation team and are interested in extending their agreement with Albany County for these services. The Early Intervention program evaluations will be provided under the currently enacted contract with the New York State Department of Health. The requested approval covers those evaluations provided under the Preschool Special Education program, serving children ages three to five years old who are approved by the school district Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Evaluation Team is an approved provider of service by both the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department, to conduct both comprehensive and supplemental evaluations for early intervention and preschool services.

The contract revenue is anticipated in the current budget and the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families will utilize existing staff and resources within the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families budget to provide the services. Renewed contracting with Schenectady County for Preschool Evaluation Services would generate approximately \$5,000 in revenue for the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families while providing an additional service to a neighboring county.

RESOLUTION NO. 265

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY
REGARDING THE PROVISION OF EVALUATION SERVICES FOR THE
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM**

Introduced: 5/13/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Schenectady County regarding the provision of evaluation services for children with special needs through the DCYF Evaluation Team for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The DCYF Evaluation Team is an approved provider of services by both the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to conduct both comprehensive and supplemental evaluations for early intervention and preschool services, and

WHEREAS, The reimbursements under this agreement will be at the applicable rates established by NYSED and Albany County will be reimbursed 100% by Schenectady County for all preschool evaluation services rendered by the DCYF Evaluation Team, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Schenectady County regarding the provision of evaluation services for children with special needs through the DCYF Evaluation Team for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreement as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote - 5/13/24



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NICOLE WARD
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March 26, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to renew contractual agreements with service providers who have been approved by the Board of Education as having an appropriate, structured program capable of offering mandated preschool education to children with disabilities.

The combined agreements have an anticipated cost of approximately \$18,689,274.00, based on rates not to exceed the New York State established rates for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moiria Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6479, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization for Preschool Services Program

Date: April 1, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Please see attached spreadsheet

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$18,689,274 (approx.)

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 39%
State: 55% Local: 6%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA2960 01605 AA2960 03277
Revenue Amount: \$1,121,356 \$10,279,100

Appropriation Account and Line: AA2960 44039
Appropriation Amount: \$18,689,274

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐

If Mandated, Cite Authority: NYS Education Law Sections 4401 and 4410

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☒ No ☐

of Response(s): Enter text.

of MWBE: Enter text.

of Veteran Business: Enter text.

Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.

Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 24-266, 23-165, 22-151, 21-145, 20-199, 19-182

Date of Adoption: 5/13/24, 5/8/23, 5/9/22, 5/10/21, 6/8/20, 5/13/19

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

Albany County Department of Children Youth and Families Justification and Backup Material for the Preschool Related Services Program

The State Education Law requires the State Education Department (SED) to meet the physical and educational needs of children with disabilities. The Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) of many special education children prescribe instruction by Special Education Itinerant Teachers, as well as Related Services, such as Speech Pathology, Physical or Occupational therapies, to name a few, to help them attain their educational goals. Municipalities contract with private service providers to obtain Related Services, in which the providers deliver in 30-60 minute sessions.

This option provides a child with the services of one or more therapists to meet his/her special needs. The therapist works with the child a specified number of times each week, and also interacts with the family and the staff of any typical program the child might attend. The therapy(ies) can be provided at any site, including the child's home, decided at the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) meeting.

The Albany County Department of Children Youth and Families Related Services Program provides a broad array of services to children ages 3 to 5, to meet the physical and educational needs of children with disabilities.

The rates for these providers are set by New York State. Albany County is reimbursed 55% by the State for costs incurred in the delivery of these services, after backing out Medicaid reimbursements. The contract amount for the 2025-2026 contract years assumes an increase of five (5) percent which will hopefully offset any rate increase or changes in utilization.

Therefore, the Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families is requesting authorization for Albany County to enter into agreements with the attached listed providers for the term July 01, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Attached is the list of contractors who require Legislative authorization.

SEIT / Center Based Providers Legislative Requests 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026				
PROVIDER	ADDRESS	DISCIPLINE	PAYMENTS 2024	ESTIMATED PAYMENTS 7/01/25 - 6/30/26
Achievements	623 New London Road Ste 100 Latham, NY 12110	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$1,969,768	\$2,068,256
Advanced Therapy	One Rapp Road Albany, NY 12203	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$2,216,563	\$2,327,391
Anderson Center for Autism	4885 Route 9 Staatsburg, NY 12580	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$978,661	\$1,027,594
Capital District Beginnings	673 Columbia Turnpike E Greenbush, NY 12061	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$1,744,246	\$1,831,458
Center For Disability Services	314 South Manning Blvd Albany, NY 12208	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$1,515,692	\$1,591,477
Circle of Friends	14379 Route 9W Ravena, NY 12143	EVALS/ INTEGRATED	\$1,125,434	\$1,181,706
Crossroads Center for Children	1136 North Westcott Road, Suite 100 Schenectady, New York 12306	EVALS/ INTEGRATED	\$293,948	\$308,645
EarlyChildhood Education Center	230 Washington Ave Ext Albany, NY 12203	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$2,909,042	\$3,054,494
Newmeadow Inc.	23 Sitterly Road Clifton Park, NY 12065	EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$1,013,497	\$1,064,172
Parsons Child and Family Center	60 Academy Road Albany, NY 12208	SEIT / INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$408,381	\$428,800
Saint Anne's Preschool	160 N. Main Ave Albany, NY 12206	INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$363,290	\$381,455
Spotted Zebra Learning Ctr	26 Computer Drive East Albany, NY 12205	EVALS/ INTEGRATED	\$1,305,975	\$1,371,274
Unity House of Troy dba A Child's Place	435 Forth Street Troy, NY 12180	SEIT / EVALS/ INTEGRATED / SELF CONTAINED	\$1,809,678	\$1,900,162
Whispering Pines	2841 Thousand Acre Rd Delanson, NY 12053	SEIT / INTEGRATED	\$145,134	\$152,391
			\$17,799,309	\$18,689,274

RESOLUTION NO. 266

AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Introduced: 5/13/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for young children who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into agreements with those preschool special education programs determined to be appropriate for each individual child, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the following preschool special education program providers for young children who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition for sums not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Achievements
623 New Loudon Road, Suite 100
Latham, NY 12110

Advanced Therapy
One Rapp Road
Albany, NY 12203

Anderson Center for Autism
4885 Route 9
Staatsburg, NY 12580

Circle of Friends
14379 Route 9W
Ravena, NY 12143

Early Childhood Education Center
230 Washington Ave. Ext.
Albany, NY 12203

Parsons Child and Family
Center
60 Academy Road
Albany, NY 12208

Center For Disability
Services
314 South Manning Blvd.
Albany, NY 12208

Unity House of Troy
Dba A Child's Place
435 Fourth Street
Troy, NY 12180

Whispering Pines
2841 Thousand Acre Road
Delanson, NY 12053

Story Place
1477 South Schodack Rd.
Castleton, NY 12033

Capital District Beginnings
673 Columbia Turnpike
East Greenbush, NY 12061

Crossroads Center for
Children
1136 North Westcott Rd.
Suite 100
Schenectady, NY 12306

Newmeadow Inc.
23 Sitterly Rd.
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Saint Anne's Preschool
160 N. Main Avenue
Albany, NY 12206

Spotted Zebra Learning
Center
26 Computer Drive East
Albany, NY 12205



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
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Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for authorization to enter into contractual arrangements with the Various School Districts to provide Preschool Evaluations for Children with Special Needs.

The combined agreements have an anticipated cost of approximately \$100,000, based on rates not to exceed the New York State established rates, for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moiria Manning, LCSW-R
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Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6485, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization with Various School Districts for Preschool Evaluation Services

Date: April 1, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Please see attached Justification

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$100,000.00 (approx.)

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 39%
State: 55% Local: 6%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA2960 01605 AA2960 03277
Revenue Amount: \$6,000 \$55,000

Appropriation Account and Line: AA2960 44039
Appropriation Amount: \$100,000.00

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service:	Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority:	NYS Education Law Sections 4401 and 4410
Request for Bids / Proposals:	
Competitive Bidding Exempt:	Yes ☒ No ☐
# of Response(s):	Enter text.
# of MWBE:	Enter text.
# of Veteran Business:	Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.:	Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program	Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number:	24-722, 24-264, 23-360
Date of Adoption:	11/12/24, 5/13/24, 9/11/23

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached Justification

Albany County Department of Children Youth and Families
Justification and Backup Material for Contractual Agreements between
Albany County and Various School Districts to Provide
Preschool Evaluation Services for Children with Special Needs

The New York State Education Law (Section 4410) requires that the New York State Education Department (NYSED) meet the physical and educational needs of children with disabilities. NYSED administers, through local school districts, preschool special education programs and services for preschool students with disabilities, ages 3 to 5 years of age. The board of education or trustees of each School District required, by regulation (Part 200.2(a)), to identify and evaluate all students with disabilities who reside in the school district and establish a register of children who are entitled to attend public schools in the district or to attend a preschool program during the next school year. As of November of 2017, the law was amended to establish that all School Districts are approved evaluators of preschool students suspected of having a disability.

Municipalities are required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children who have been evaluated and determined by the school district to have a disabling condition. Albany County may contract with School Districts approved by NYSED as having an appropriate, structured program capable of offering Preschool Evaluations to children with disabilities. Reimbursement under these agreements shall be at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). New York State reimburses Albany County 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement for the related services component of Center Based programs.

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully request legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Albany County School Districts, contained on the attached list, to Provide Preschool Evaluation Services for Children with Special Needs for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

School Districts

Albany City Schools	Middleburgh
Berne-Knox-Westerlo	Mohonasen
Bethlehem	Niskayuna
Cairo-Durham	North Colonie
Cohoes	Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Duanesburg	Schalmont
Gilboa - Conesville	Schoharie
Green Island	South Colonie
Greenville	Voorheesville
Guilderland	Watervliet
Menands	

RESOLUTION NO. 264

AUTHORIZING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION SERVICE AGREEMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Introduced: 5/13/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to New York State Education Law, Albany County is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, As of November 2017, the law was amended to establish that all school districts are approved evaluators of preschool students suspected of having a disability, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for young children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the School Districts listed below for the provision of preschool evaluation services for young children with special needs at the applicable rates established or approved by the NYSED, where Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% for costs incurred in the delivery of these services after backing out Medicaid reimbursement, for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025:

Albany City Schools
Berne-Knox-Westerlo
Bethlehem
Cairo-Durham
Cohoes
Duanesburg
Green Island
Greenville
Guilderland
Menands

Middleburgh
Mohonasen
Niskayuna
North Colonie
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk
Schalmont
Schoharie
South Colonie
Voorheesville
Watervliet



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to renew a contractual agreement with Spotted Zebra Learning Center. Spotted Zebra Learning Center is a service provider approved by the Board of Education to provide mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services, to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages 3 -5 years old with disabilities.

The agreement has an anticipated cost of approximately \$170,911.65 based on rates not to exceed the New York State approved rates for the term of July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moir Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6486, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Contract Authorization with Spotted Zebra Learning Center for the Related Services Program

Date: April 1, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization Enter text.

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Spotted Zebra Learning Center
26 Computer Dr East
Albany, NY 12205

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$170,911.65 (approx.)

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
 Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☒ No ☐
 Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☐ No ☒

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 0 County: 39%
State: 55% Local: 6%

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA2960 01605 AA2960 03277
Revenue Amount: \$10,254.70 \$94,001.41

Appropriation Account and Line: AA2960 44039
Appropriation Amount: \$170,911.65

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: NYS Education Law Sections 4401 and 4410
Request for Bids / Proposals:
 Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☒ No ☐
 # of Response(s): Enter text.
 # of MWBE: Enter text.
 # of Veteran Business: Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.: Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 24-267, 23-166, 22-152
Date of Adoption: 5/13/24, 9/11/23, 5/9/22

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

Albany County Department of Children Youth and Families
Justification and Backup Material for Contract Authorization with
Spotted Zebra Learning Center for the Preschool
Related Services Program

The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families is requesting authorization for Albany County to enter into agreements with Spotted Zebra Learning Center for the term July 01, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Spotted Zebra Learning Center is the only agency this year to meet the threshold for Legislative authorization with payments for 2024 in the amount of \$162,773.00

The State Education Law requires the State Education Department (SED) to meet the physical and educational needs of children with disabilities. The Individualized Education Programs (IEP's) of many special education children prescribe instruction by Special Education Itinerant Teachers, as well as Related Services, such as Speech Pathology, Physical or Occupational therapies, to name a few, to help them attain their educational goals. Municipalities contract with private service providers to obtain Related Services, in which the providers deliver in 30-60 minute sessions.

This option provides a child with the services of one or more therapists to meet his/her special needs. The therapist works with the child a specified number of times each week, and also interacts with the family and the staff of any typical program the child might attend. The therapy(ies) can be provided at any site, including the child's home, decided at the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE) meeting.

The rates for providers are set by New York State. Albany County is reimbursed 59.5% by the State for costs incurred in the delivery of these services, after backing out Medicaid reimbursements. The contract amount for the 2025-2026 contract year assumes an increase of five (5) percent, to approximately \$170,911.65, which will hopefully offset any rate increase or changes in utilization.

Related Service Providers Legislative Requests 07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026				
PROVIDER	ADDRESS	DISCIPLINE	PAYMENTS 2024	ESTIMATED PAYMENTS 7/01/25 - 6/30/26
Spotted Zebra Learning Ctr	26 Computer Dr East	OT, PT, Psych, Speech	\$162,773.00	\$170,911.65
	Albany, NY 12205	Language Pathology		
			\$162,773.00	\$170,911.65

RESOLUTION NO. 267**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH SPOTTED ZEBRA LEARNING CENTER AND ACHIEVEMENTS REGARDING INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Introduced: 5/13/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is required to provide an approved preschool special education program for children ages three to five years old who have been evaluated and determined by the Board of Education to have a disabling condition, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of DCYF has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Spotted Zebra Learning Center which has been approved by the Board of Education to provide mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of young children with disabilities, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Achievements which has been approved by the Board of Education to provide mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages three to five years old with disabilities, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Spotted Zebra Learning Center, Albany, NY 12205, regarding mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages three to five years old with disabilities for an amount not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Achievements, Latham, NY 12110, regarding mandated Individualized Education Programs through Related Services to meet the physical and educational needs of children ages three to five years old with disabilities for an amount not to exceed the New York State established rates for said services for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action for permission to amend the 2025 Department of Children, Youth and Families Adopted Budget to add a Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator Position.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6495, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Request for Budget Amendment to add a Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator Position

Date: March 27, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) Enter text.
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Enter text.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☒ No ☐

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	0	County:	0
State:	0	Local:	0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:

Revenue Amount:

Appropriation Account and Line:	6119 12158	6119 19900	6119 12215	7310 12265
Appropriation Amount:	\$58500	\$62733	- \$56320	-\$64913

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.
Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt:	Yes ☒ No ☐
# of Response(s):	Enter text.
# of MWBE:	Enter text.
# of Veteran Business:	Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.:	Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program	Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date:	23-322
	8/14/23

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please See Attached

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Request for Budget Amendment to add a Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator Position

National and State initiative are calling for reform of the juvenile justice system to move away from punitive approaches and toward more restorative approaches. However, the number of admissions to detention has been steadily rising over the past year with the highest percentage being Juvenile Delinquent Non-Raise the Age youth. Additionally, approximately 50% of these youth are admitted to secure detention.

The hiring of a full time Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator position allows us to specialize in and focus on the complex needs of youth in our communities. Utilizing a Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator to connect with community leaders and services will promote a more holistic approach to meeting the youth's social, emotional, educational and familial needs. Further, Albany County works collaboratively with the Albany County Probation Department and Albany County Family Court serving these youth and the addition of a Juvenile Justice Services Coordinator could alleviate pressures on existing personnel to ensure the most at-risk youth receive timely and individualized attention.

BUDGET LINE						
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY		DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT NAME
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL		
6119	12158	001	470259		Juvenile Justice Coordinator	\$78,000 Children, Youth and Families
7310	12265	001	540002		Rhya Coordinator	\$0 Youth Bureau
6119	12215	057	470203		Caseworker	\$0 Children, Youth and Families
6119	19900				Per Diem Therapies	\$288,543 Children, Youth and Families
					TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	
					<u>\$121,233</u>	<u>\$121,233</u>
BUDGET LINE						
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY		DESCRIPTION	DEPARTMENT NAME
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL		
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					TOTAL REVENUES	
					<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
					GRAND TOTAL	
					<u>\$121,233</u>	<u>\$121,233</u>

RESOLUTION NO. 322

AMENDING THE 2023 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET: ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS

Introduced: 8/14/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested a budget amendment to transfer funds from the Computer Fees account line to Office Equipment, Computer Supplies, and Telephone lines in order to better meet the changing needs of the Department, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the 2023 Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Decrease Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$198,875 by decreasing Line Item A6119 4 4041 Computer Fees by \$198,875

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.2 by \$168,625 by decreasing Line Item A6119 2 2001 Office Equipment by \$168,625

Increase Appropriation Account A2960.4 by \$5,250 by increasing Line Item A2960 4 4021 Computer Supplies by \$5,250

Increase Appropriation Account A4059.4 by \$2,500 by increasing Line Item A4059 4 4036 Telephone by \$2,500

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$22,500 by increasing Line Item A6119 4 4036 Telephone by \$22,500

and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 8/14/23



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April 1, 2025

Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Rm. 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department respectfully requests legislative authorization for an amendment to Resolution 21, adopted February 10, 2025, to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program.

Resolution 21 of 2025 authorized to increase our contract with OCFS for the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program for the term 7/1/24-6/30/25. The Department is requesting a budget amendment of \$436,027, and to also add an additional Family Support Specialist (FSS) position to the program.

The Department respectfully requests consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 447-2014.

Sincerely,

Moira Manning, LCSW-R
Commissioner

cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader
Frank Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
James Curran, Minority Counsel



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6488, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Description (e.g., Contract Authorization for Information Services):

Budget Amendment regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program Budget

Date: March 26, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Budget Amendment

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Enter text.

Term: (Start/end date or duration) Enter text.
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: Enter text.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐
Anticipated in Budget: Yes ☐ No ☒
Spreadsheet attached: Yes ☒ No ☐

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	0	County:	0
State:	100	Local:	0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	A6119 15165	A6119 44400
Revenue Amount:	\$26,756	\$409,271
Appropriation Account and Line:	A6119 03406	
Appropriation Amount:	\$436,027	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☐ No ☒
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Enter text.
Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt:	Yes ☒ No ☐
# of Response(s):	Enter text.
# of MWBE:	Enter text.
# of Veteran Business:	Enter text.
Bond Resolution No.:	Enter text.
Apprenticeship Program	Yes ☐ No ☒

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number and Date: 25-21, 24-30
2/10/25, 2/12/24

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please See Attached

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Request for Budget Amendment to Resolution 21 of 2025, concerning the NYS Office of Children and Family Services regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program

The Department respectfully requests legislative authorization for an amendment to Resolution 21, adopted February 10, 2025, to enter into an agreement with the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program.

Resolution 21 of 2025 authorized to increase our contract with OCFS for the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program to \$1,661,052 for the term 7/1/24-6/30/25. The Department is requesting a budget amendment of \$436,027.

Healthy Families of Albany County (HFAC) is also requesting to add an additional Family Support Specialist (FSS) position to the program. Per OCFS guidance we are participating in the Child Welfare Protocol (CWP) expansion into Healthy Families, allowing us to now enroll children referred by the CWP to age 24 months. This will increase caseloads and having an addition FSS will allow us to serve more children/families.

Children, Youth and Families						
BUDGET LINE		DESCRIPTION		INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY			
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL		
A	6119	15165	003	470109	Public Health Aide	
						\$26,756
A	6119	19954			Enhanced Pay	
						\$24,750
A	6119	89010			State Retirement	
						\$3,478
A	6119	89030			Social Security	
						\$2,140
A	6119	89060			Hospital and Medical Insurance	
						\$8,562
A	6119	44400			Healthy Families	
						\$370,341
					TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	
						\$436,027
						\$0

BUDGET LINE		DESCRIPTION		DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY			
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL		
A	6119	03406			Home Visiting Beginnings	
						\$436,027
					TOTAL REVENUES	
						\$0
					GRAND TOTAL	
						\$436,027

DEPARTMENT NAME

Children, Youth and Families

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RESOLUTION NO. 21

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM

Introduced: 2/10/25

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,661,052 for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$734,423 for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, The Healthy Families Home Visiting Program will provide intensive home visits to pregnant women and new parents residing in designated areas, targeting those who require assistance in enhancing parenting skills and accessing family support, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$1,661,052 for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to enter into agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center, Albany, NY 12208 regarding the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program in an amount not to exceed \$734,423 for a term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.