

County of Albany

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



Meeting Agenda

Monday, June 23, 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 AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES
3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS
4. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH MILLBROOK BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES
5. AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET
6. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE 2025 SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

5:30 PM

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Social Services Committee

PREVIOUS BUSINESS:

Present: Ellen Rosano, Merton D. Simpson, Mickey Cleary, Beroro T. Efekoro, Andrew Joyce, Patrice Lockart and Frank A. Mauriello

Excused: Matthew J. Miller and Samuel I. Fein

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 AN AGREEMENT REGARDING FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENT RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES AND AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET**

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

3. AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 727 FOR 2024 REGARDING PROVIDERS OF HOME ESTABLISHMENT FURNISHINGS

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 THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM 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.



DANIEL P. MCCOY
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COMMISSIONER

NICOLE WARD
Deputy Commissioner

May 28, 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 authorization to enter into Agreements with various Albany County Municipalities for the provision of Youth Bureau services.

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-6611, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization for Youth Bureau Municipality Contracts

Date: May 28, 2025

Department: Children, Youth and Families

Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

Submitted By: Scott McNelis

Title: Contract Administrator

Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

Various Municipalities - Please See Attached

Term: (Start/end date or duration)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee:

\$95,087

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: AA6119 03820

Revenue Amount: \$95,087

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6119 44406

Appropriation Amount: \$95,087

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: 19-481, 21-105, 22-18, 22-83, 23-610, 24-819
11/11/19, 4/12/21, 2/14/22, 3/13/22, 12/4/23, 12/2/24

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

Please See Attached

Department for Children, Youth and Families
Backup Material for Contract Authorization with
Various Municipalities for Youth Bureau Programing

The Department respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into contractual arrangements with Eleven (11) Albany County Municipalities, as listed below.

The total amount of State Aid from NYS OCFS to Albany County DCYF Youth Bureau for the Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for 2024 – 2025 is \$654,819. These funds are intended to support youth development programs and runaway and homeless youth services. Funds are intended to be distributed to community-based organizations and Municipalities within Albany County for the purpose of reimbursement of expenses directly related to program operation and service delivery.

In 2014, The Governor's Executive budget proposed changes to Executive Law 19-A YDDP (Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention) Sections 412, 420, 422 and 19-H RHYA (Runaway and Homeless Youth Services Act) Sections 532A, 532B.

As of January 1, 2014 the local youth bureaus process reimbursement claims from Municipalities, not NYS OCFS. The County has full responsibility for paying Municipal claims out of the annual State Aid Allocation to the County.

Municipality	Allocation
City of Albany	\$25,000
City of Cohoes	\$15,200
City of Watervliet	\$ 4,000
Town of Coeymans	\$ 2,000
Town of Colonie	\$28,000
Town of Guilderland	\$ 7,000
Town of Knox	\$ 2,887
Village of Altamont	\$ 2,000
Village of Colonie	\$ 3,000
Village of Green Island	\$ 4,000
Village of Voorheesville	\$ 2,000
Total	\$95,087



Office of Children and Family Services

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

DAMIA HARRIS-MADDEN, Ed.D., MBA, M.S.
Commissioner

March 31, 2025

Daniel McCoy
County Executive
112 State St. Rm1200
Albany NY 12207

Dear Daniel McCoy:

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has received Albany County's Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for 2024 - 2025. The RAP, submitted through the Quality Youth Development System (QYDS), includes applications requesting state aid in the amount of \$654,819.00.

While your RAP has been approved, internal reviews, fiscal audits and adjustments to state aid may ultimately result in a change in the approved State aid amount. Should that occur, the County will be notified in writing of the specific adjustment, the reason therefore, and the revised state aid amount.

Please be aware relevant appropriation language requires that OCFS must receive **Youth Sports Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)** and **Youth Team Sports Allocation (YTS)** claims no later than March 31, 2026.

Youth Development Program (YDP) claims must be submitted within nine months of the calendar quarter in which the expenditure was made.

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHYA) claims for program year are due within 9 months of the calendar quarter in which services were delivered, and no later than 3/31/2026.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact YouthBureau@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Sonia Tate
Director, Bureau of Youth Development and Well-Being

CC: Valerie Johnson, Youth Bureau Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 819

AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS ALBANY COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH BUREAU SERVICES

Introduced: 12/2/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, Due to New York State regulatory changes, local youth bureaus have full responsibility regarding the payment of municipal claims out of the annual State Aid allocation to the County from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the following Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed below in an amount not to exceed \$94,015 regarding the provision of youth bureau services for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024:

City of Albany	MBSK Mentoring Program	\$16,000
City of Albany	Youth Opportunity/LIGHT SYEP	\$9,000
City of Cohoes	Career Connections	\$5,700
City of Cohoes	Youth Service	\$2,000
City of Cohoes	Summer Recreation	\$7,500
City of Watervliet	Watervliet Recreation	\$4,000
Town of Coeymans	Youth Employment	\$2,000
Town of Colonie	Youth Advisory Board	\$23,000
Town of Colonie	Youth Services - ADMIN	\$6,000
Town of Guilderland	Tawasentha Day Camp	\$7,000
Village of Altamont	Bonzenkill Summer Camp	\$2,000
Village of Colonie	Youth & Recreation Program	\$3,000
Village of Green Island	Recreation & Youth Services	\$4,815
Village of Voorheesville	Summer Recreation	\$2000

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the aforementioned Albany County municipalities in the amounts listed above in total not to exceed \$94,015, regarding the provision of youth bureau services for the term commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, and, be it further



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May 28, 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 enter a contractual agreement for Transportation Providers for Children with Special Needs who travel to Special Education and Therapy Programs.

The requested agreement is for six distinct transportation zones for a maximum total cost, not to exceed \$4,814,522.00, for the term of September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026. The six zones have been awarded to Rejha Group L.L.C. and the cost of these contracts are reimbursed by NYS Ed at a rate of 59.5%

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-6612, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization with Rejha Group LLC for Transportation of Children with Special Needs

Date: August 3, 2023
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306
Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Rejha Group L.L.C.
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany NY 12205

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 9/1/2025 - 8/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$4,814,522

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: 40.5
State: 59.5 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA 2960 03277
Revenue Amount: 2,864,641
Appropriation Account and Line: AA 2960 44038
Appropriation Amount: \$4,814,522

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: NYS Education Law 4410/ NYS Public Health Law Title 11-A

Request for Bids / Proposals:

Competitive Bidding Exempt: Yes ☐ No ☒

of Response(s): 1

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: 24-400; 23-361; 22-239; 21-202; 20-248; 19-330
7/8/24; 9/11/23; 7/11/22; 7/12/21; 8/10/20; 8/12/19

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

Please See Attached

Department for Children, Youth and Families
Transportation Renewal Contract Authorization with Rejha Group L.L.C. for
Children with Special Needs Who Travel to Special Education and Therapy Programs

The Department for Children, Youth and Families is requesting that the Albany County Legislature authorize the County to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group L.L.C., for transportation services for children with special needs. Contracts for transportation services are divided into zones based on program locations. There are six (6) unique zones. The total funding for all zones is not to exceed \$4,814,522.00. The contract term will run from September 1, 2025 to August 1, 2026 with an option to renew for one (1) more year.

The Department issued a Request for Proposals for Transportation Services for pre-School Aged Handicapped Children in Need of special Education—*RFP-2024-049*-- on March 28, 2024 with responses due April 19, 2024. It should be noted that Rejha Group L.L.C was the only company that submitted a proposal.

Transportation of children with special needs to special education and therapy services, as recommended by the individual education/family service plan approved by the child's school district or by the Early Intervention Official, is mandated by New York State law.

Given the varying fluctuations in the fuel market, proposing vendors need to anticipate any potential increases in fuel costs so that they are not inadvertently penalized for swings in the fuel market. This puts the County in a vulnerable situation; requiring it to pay for costs that may not actually be incurred assuming a stabilized fuel market. In order to better safeguard the County financially, the Department, with assistance from the County's Purchasing Department, have structured the bids with a fuel escalation/de-escalation clause. This language provides a safety valve for both the County and the transportation provider so that the effect on either entity's bottom line is minimized in the event(s) of changes in the fuel commodity market.

The costs associated with transportation are reimbursed by the State at a rate of 59.5% after subtracting out any reimbursement received from Medicaid. All contracts will be reviewed and approved by the County Attorney's Office as to form and content prior to execution.

Contracts for transportation services are divided into zones based on program locations. There are six unique zones.

Zone #1—not to exceed \$244,220

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #4 – not to exceed \$1,402,597

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #2 - not to exceed \$438,173

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #5 – not to exceed \$463,747

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
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Zone #3 – not to exceed \$955,204

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Zone #6--not to exceed \$1,310,581

Rejha Group L.L.C
23 Railroad Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Albany County DCYF
2022 Transportation Payments By Zone

2024 Transportation Payments

Month	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5	Zone 6	Total
January	\$ 20,423.74	\$ 37,180.18	\$ 87,388.40	\$ 117,652.69	\$ 43,808.80	\$ 102,227.92	\$ 408,681.73
February	\$ 15,940.48	\$ 29,631.68	\$ 66,805.75	\$ 90,019.68	\$ 28,775.98	\$ 79,404.10	\$ 310,577.67
March	\$ 27,626.90	\$ 37,895.30	\$ 81,979.15	\$ 111,598.61	\$ 43,955.49	\$ 98,472.00	\$ 401,527.45
April	\$ 23,284.22	\$ 31,483.66	\$ 69,800.70	\$ 93,653.35	\$ 38,757.11	\$ 82,874.67	\$ 339,853.71
May	\$ 26,988.18	\$ 38,323.15	\$ 86,749.68	\$ 120,073.10	\$ 43,674.33	\$ 116,290.17	\$ 432,098.61
June	\$ 19,937.82	\$ 24,931.44	\$ 58,829.40	\$ 77,202.51	\$ 31,489.77	\$ 82,473.72	\$ 294,864.66
July	\$ 8,966.52	\$ 34,600.86	\$ 96,479.55	\$ 111,351.08	\$ 53,707.42	\$ 126,355.81	\$ 431,461.24
August	\$ 5,977.68	\$ 23,067.24	\$ 53,565.38	\$ 63,517.42	\$ 30,844.94	\$ 61,729.16	\$ 238,701.82
September	\$ 22,020.24	\$ 29,744.53	\$ 74,937.64	\$ 135,427.58	\$ 35,651.34	\$ 125,189.37	\$ 422,970.70
October	\$ 24,338.16	\$ 47,352.95	\$ 90,070.06	\$ 165,356.39	\$ 35,368.15	\$ 148,015.66	\$ 510,501.37
November	\$ 19,702.32	\$ 43,843.10	\$ 75,629.13	\$ 128,954.39	\$ 29,553.48	\$ 118,521.32	\$ 416,203.74
December	\$ 17,384.40	\$ 39,253.33	\$ 67,483.44	\$ 120,999.75	\$ 26,076.60	\$ 106,618.71	\$ 377,816.23
Total	\$ 232,590.66	\$ 417,307.42	\$ 909,718.28	\$ 1,335,806.55	\$ 441,663.41	\$ 1,248,172.61	\$ 4,585,258.93
Total w 5% Adj	\$ 244,220.19	\$ 438,172.79	\$ 955,204.19	\$ 1,402,596.88	\$ 463,746.58	\$ 1,310,581.24	\$ 4,814,521.88

RESOLUTION NO. 400

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH REJHA GROUP, LLC REGARDING TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TO EDUCATION AND THERAPY PROGRAMS

Introduced: 7/8/24

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) provides transportation services for children who have been evaluated and found to have special needs related to special education and therapy programs assigned by school district-based committees, as mandated by New York State, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of DCYF has indicated that a request for proposals was issued for Transportation and Routing Services for Pre-School Aged Handicapped Children in Need of Special Education, and Rejha Group, LLC was the sole proposer, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC regarding transportation services for children with special needs to special education and therapy programs in all six transportation zones for a term commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, with two consecutive one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The costs associated with these transportation services are reimbursed by the New York State Education Department at a rate of 59.5% after subtracting out any reimbursement received from Medicaid, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Rejha Group, LLC, Albany, NY 12205 regarding transportation services for children with special needs to special education and therapy programs in a total amount not to exceed \$4,733,545 for a term commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025, as follows:

Zone #1 not to exceed \$249,258	Zone #4 not to exceed \$1,225,501
Zone #2 not to exceed \$501,894	Zone #5 not to exceed \$621,729
Zone #3 not to exceed \$934,772	Zone #6 not to exceed \$1,200,391

and, be it further

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



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May 28, 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 permission to contract with Millbrook Behavioral Health for the provision of foster care services.

The requested contract is for the term of May 1, 2025 – April 30, 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
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Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization with Millbrook Behavioral Health for the Provision of Residential Foster Care

Date: May 28, 2025
Department: Children, Youth and Families
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner
Submitted By: Scott McNelis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 7306

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Millbrook Behavioral Health
1828 Industrial Drive
Fordyce, AR 71742

Term: (Start/end date or duration) May 1, 2025 - April 30, 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 Millbrook Behavioral Health
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 Millbrook Behavioral Health for the provision of residential foster care services. The requested contract term is for May 1, 2025 – April 30, 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.

Children's Behavioral Solutions

Millcreek of Arkansas Reimbursement Rate Certification

Name of Resident: Noah Bejarano Ratner DOB: 4/28/2009 SS# :

Treatment Facility

Name: Millcreek of Arkansas
Address PO Box 727, Fordyce, AR 71742 (1810 Industrial Dr.)
Phone: (870)352-8203 (MOA)

I, as an authorized representative of, Albany County Dept. for Children and Youth, will be responsible for payment of Room/Board and Education for the above resident for the duration of treatment. I certify that the rate of \$738.00 per day has been negotiated for reimbursement for services rendered for Noah Bejarano Ratner. This rate is inclusive of room and board, therapeutic and psychiatric services and general ancillaries to include general dental cleanings, yearly eye exams and well visits. Any 1:1 needs will need to be authorized at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

☒ I certify that Albany County Dept. for Children and Youth will be responsible for payment of all Medical Services required of the resident.

☐ I certify that this youth has a primary commercial medical plan and that all medical care for this resident should be processed through _____ member ID# _____
Group# _____ Primary Policy Holder: _____

Invoices will be submitted in a monthly cycle ending the last day of the month. The following person at Albany County DCYS will be responsible for receiving invoices from Millcreek of Arkansas.
Name: Sonoma Pelton Email: sonoma.pelton@albanycountyny.gov Phone: _____

Additional Terms:

Any questions regarding this agreement can be addressed to:

Name: Ericka Burrini Email: Ericka.burrini@acadiahealthcare.com Phone: 973-600-9841 (Ericka)

Albany County Dept. for Children and Youth

Millcreek of Arkansas

Authorized Signature: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Print Name: Moira Manning

Print Name: _____

Title: Commissioner

Title: _____

Date: 5/23/25

Date: _____

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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Deputy Commissioner

May 28, 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 Adopted Budget to increase funding for Youth Bureau Services.

The original budget of \$325,000 needs an increase to \$654,819, the total amount of State Aid requested and approved for 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,

Maira 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-6616, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Budget Amendment to Increase Funding for Youth Bureau Services

Date: May 28, 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:

AA6119 03820

Revenue Amount:

\$329,819

Appropriation Account and Line:

AA6119 44406

Appropriation Amount:

\$329,819

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: 24-339, 21-104
6/10/24, 4/12/21

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

Please See Justification

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Justification for a Budget Amendment for Youth Bureau Services

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to amend the 2025 Adopted Budget for funds associated with Youth Bureau Services.

The Department has been approved funding from The Office of Children and Family Services. The original budget of \$325,000 needs an increase to \$654,819, the total amount of State Aid requested and approved for the program, based on the County's Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) submitted through the Quality Youth Development System (QYDS).



Office of Children and Family Services

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

DAMIA HARRIS-MADDEN, Ed.D., MBA, M.S.
Commissioner

March 31, 2025

Daniel McCoy
County Executive
112 State St. Rm1200
Albany NY 12207

Dear Daniel McCoy:

The Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has received Albany County's Resource Allocation Plan (RAP) for 2024 - 2025. The RAP, submitted through the Quality Youth Development System (QYDS), includes applications requesting state aid in the amount of \$654,819.00.

While your RAP has been approved, internal reviews, fiscal audits and adjustments to state aid may ultimately result in a change in the approved State aid amount. Should that occur, the County will be notified in writing of the specific adjustment, the reason therefore, and the revised state aid amount.

Please be aware relevant appropriation language requires that OCFS must receive **Youth Sports Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)** and **Youth Team Sports Allocation (YTS)** claims no later than March 31, 2026.

Youth Development Program (YDP) claims must be submitted within nine months of the calendar quarter in which the expenditure was made.

Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHYA) claims for program year are due within 9 months of the calendar quarter in which services were delivered, and no later than 3/31/2026.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact YouthBureau@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

Sonia Tate
Director, Bureau of Youth Development and Well-Being

CC: Valerie Johnson, Youth Bureau Executive Director

BUDGET LINE					DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY					
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL				
A	6119	44406			Division for Youth	\$329,819		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS						<u>\$329,819</u>	<u>\$0</u>	

BUDGET LINE					DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST
FUND	ORG	OBJ	FOR POSITIONS ONLY					
			STATE POS. CODE	POSITION CONTROL				
A	6119	03820			Division for Youth		\$329,819	
TOTAL REVENUES						<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$329,819</u>	
GRAND TOTAL						<u>\$329,819</u>	<u>\$329,819</u>	

DEPARTMENT NAME

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RESOLUTION NO. 104

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE CHILD RIGHT: SAFE HARBOR INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2021 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET

Introduced: 4/12/21

By Social Services Committee and Mr. A. Joyce:

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 in order to accept funding regarding the Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative in the amount of \$33,000 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative focuses on establishing a framework to increase the identification of potential trafficking victims, creating capacity for services in local infrastructures, and to support direct services to those victims, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested a budget amendment in order to incorporate the aforementioned funding, 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 in order to accept funding in the amount of \$33,000 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2021 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3407 Child Advocacy Center by \$33,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.1 by \$28,080 by increasing Line Item A6119 1 8580 Per Diem Therapies PT by \$28,080

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$2,534 by increasing the following line items:

Increase Line Item A6119 4 4038 Travel/Mileage/Freight by \$500

Increase Line Item A6119 4 4039 Conferences, Training, Tuition by \$800

Increase Line Item A6119 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$1,234



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Deputy Commissioner

May 28, 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 authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Albany County Department of Social Services for the administration of the 2024 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany for their involvement in the 2025 SYEP for the period May 1, 2025-October 31, 2025. Additionally, approval is being sought to amend the 2025 Department for Children, Youth & Families adopted budget concerning these contractual agreements.

Under these agreements, the Department will receive \$55,000.00 in administrative funding for the SYEP of which \$25,000 will be used to support a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County.

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-6623, Version: 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Authorization and Budget Amendment for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)

Date: 5/27/2025
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 Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
Albany County Dept. of Social Services
162 Washington Avenue
Albany NY 12210

Additional Parties
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany
24 Martin Road PO Box 497
Voorheesville NY 12186

Term: (Start/end date or duration) May 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$55,000

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:	AA6119 03820		
Revenue Amount:	\$55,000		
Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6119	44406	44046
Appropriation Amount:	\$25,000	\$30,000	

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: 307-18, 267-19, 244-21, 310-22, 321-23, 401-24
Date of Adoption: 7/9/18, 7/8/19, 8/9/21, 9/12/22, 8/14/23, 7/8/24

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)
Please See Attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families

Justification for a Memorandum of Agreement between the Department for Children, Youth, and Families and the Albany County Department for Social Services and an agreement between the Department for Children, Youth, and Families and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County for the 2025 Summer Youth Employment Program

Since 2005, the Office of Temporary Disability and Assistance (OTDA) has administered the New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and has allocated funds to each district to provide summer employment opportunities for youth throughout the State. The total amount allocated to Albany County for SYEP 2025 is \$774,578.

Districts may opt to retain their allocation and use district mechanisms to operate the program, or may assign the funds to their local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to operate the program. Albany County has opted to assign the SYEP allocation to the WDB. Of the \$724,578 that has been allocated to Albany County, \$719,578 will be assigned to WDB. Over the years, the collaboration between the County and WDB in the facilitation of the SYEP has been a successful partnership.

The allocation for SYEP goes to the Department of Social Services (DSS). The coordination of the SYEP program is facilitated through the DCYF. The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DSS in the amount of \$55,000, \$30,000 of which is to cover administrative costs associated with the facilitation of SYEP (which includes coordination of the application process, providing public relations, and preparing reports and other documents). The remaining \$25,000 is to establish an Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to cover costs related to preparing program plans, monitoring programs and projects, preparing reports and other documents, as well as providing financial literacy workshops for youth participants.

The New York State SYEP is an important platform to introduce youth into the workforce, helping them to acquire skills that can be used to improve school performance and become responsible adults. Since many low-income youth face the prospect of a difficult transition into work or college, constructive workforce experiences can provide great benefits. In addition to the income it produces, experience in the workforce and interaction with working adults can help youth recognize the importance of educational achievement, and help expand their education and career goals.

The New York State SYEP provides youth from low income households (under the 200% of federal poverty guidelines) with employment opportunities during the summer months. To augment the work component of the SYEP, providers may include educational and/or career exploration activities which will better prepare youth as they continue their education and transition to the world of work. Allowable activities and services for the New York State SYEP include: work subsidies for youth (payment to employer or third party); education and training; and supportive services such as transportation, counseling, and incentive payments.

**2025 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program
District Designation Form**

On behalf of the Albany County Department of Social Services, I, Erin M. Stachewicz, as Commissioner of the Albany County Department of Social Services, hereby instruct the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) to disburse our 2025 New York State Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) allocation as detailed below. I certify that I have the legal authority to authorize the assignment of these funds. The funds dedicated to the operation of the 2025 New York State SYEP will be used in accordance with program and fiscal guidelines established by OTDA. For districts opting to assign all or a portion of their 2025 allocation to their Local Workforce Development Board (LWDB), districts will be held liable for funds not used in a manner consistent with the requirements of the New York State SYEP allocation or where funds are due from the LWDB.

Note: Please use whole dollar amounts when completing this form.

- A. 2025 SYEP Allocation \$ 774,578
- B. Amount of Transfer to FFFS \$ 0
(optional) (must not exceed 9% of allocation, round down)
- C. Amount Dedicated to SYEP \$ 724,578*
(must be at least 9% of allocation)
- D. Amount Assigned to LWDB \$ 719,578*
(optional) (district must coordinate SYEP services with LWDB)

Completed by: 
Commissioner's Signature

Date: 05/27/2025

***Please Note:** Albany County will retain \$55,000 and reduce the amount assigned to WDB by this amount.

APPROPRIATIONS

ACCOUNT 	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 4 4406 000	Division for Youth	20,000.00	0		DCYF
AA 6119 4 4046 000	Fees for Services	30,000.00	0		DCYF
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	50,000.00	0		

ESTIMATED REVENUES

ACCOUNT 	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	UNIT COST	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 0 3820 000	Division for Youth	0	50,000.00		DCYF
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	0	50,000.00		
	GRAND TOTALS	50,000.00	50,000.00		

RESOLUTION NO. 321**AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE 2023 SUMMER YOUTH
EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2023 DEPARTMENT
FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET**

Introduced: 8/14/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has indicated that the New York State Office of Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) has allocated funding to the Department for the operation of the 2023 Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) in cooperation with Cornell Cooperative Extension, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Albany County Department of Social Services (DSS) regarding the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$50,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and also requested an amendment to the 2023 DCYF Budget to accept the aforementioned OTDA funding, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension to cover costs related to preparing program plans, monitoring programs and projects, preparing reports and other documents, as well as providing financial literacy workshops for youth participants in the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$20,000 for the term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The SYEP is intended to introduce youth into the workforce and help them acquire skills that can be used to improve school performance while becoming responsible adults and recognizing the importance of establishing education and career goals, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with DSS regarding the 2023 SYEP in the amount of \$50,000 for a term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, NY 12186, in the amount of \$20,000 regarding the administration of the 2023 SYEP for the term commencing April 1, 2023 and ending October 31, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2023 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A6119 0 3820 Division for Youth by \$50,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$50,000 by increasing the following line items:

Increase line item A6119 4 4406 Division for Youth by \$20,000

Increase line item A6119 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$30,000

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.

Adopted by unanimous vote – 8/14/23