

County of Albany

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



Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 22, 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 ACCEPTANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE REGARDING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2025 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET
3. AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING SPECIALTY PREVENTION SERVICES – PARENT CARE PROGRAM
4. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS
5. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS
6. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH TOGETHER FOR YOUTH REGARDING THE HOME RUN PROGRAM
7. AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA CENTERS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 29, 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, Patrice Lockart, Samuel I. Fein 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 AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM 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. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE 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 THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING 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 PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER REGARDING THE HEALTHY FAMILIES HOME VISITING PROGRAM 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.



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August 26, 2025

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

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval to accept the 2025-2026 appropriation of \$496,153 from the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to operate the Family-Centered Case Management (FCCM) Program.

FCCM staff will support the needs of TANF families whose circumstances require more intensive case management and specialized services to achieve financial stability and independence. The target population includes households with complex needs (e.g., mental health illness, developmental disabilities, substance use disorders, homelessness, multiple minor children, and/or experiencing domestic violence or other trauma).

Families will continue to receive services after obtaining housing and/or employment to further solidify family stability.

Sincerely,

Erin M. Stachewicz
Commissioner

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



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Legislation Text

File #: TMP-6791, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Authorization for Social Services to Amend the 2025 Approved Budget and Accept Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds for the Family-Centered Case Management Program.

Date: 08/27/2025
Department: Social Services
Attending Meeting: Erin M. Stachewicz, Commissioner
Submitted By: Maggie Watson Skarlis
Title: Contract Administrator
Phone: 518-447-7583

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization with a Budget Amendment

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:

OTDA Employment & Income Support Programs 40 North Pearl Street Albany, NY 12243-0001

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 7/1/2025-6/30/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$496,153

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 100% County: Enter text.
State: Enter text. Local: Enter text.

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6010.04610
Revenue Amount: \$496,153
Appropriation Account and Line: See attached 2025 Approved Budget Amendment
Appropriation Amount: \$496,153

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: 516 Adopted 09.09.2024

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

AC DSS requests authorization to accept the 2025-26 appropriation of \$496,153 from OTDA to continue implementing the Family-Centered Case Management Program (FCCMP) for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and to amend the DSS 2025 Approved Budget by \$9,317, as detailed in the attachment.

FCCM Program staff will provide intensive case management and specialized services for TANF families who face challenges stabilizing their households. Case managers help families achieve greater financial stability, housing security, and overall independence. Case management will continue for families after they attain housing and/or employment to provide ongoing support for family stabilization.

The target population includes households living with complex needs (e.g., mental health illness, substance use disorders, developmental disabilities, homelessness, domestic violence).

APPROPRIATIONS				Total Annual		
	ACCOUNT NO.	Pos Cntrl	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	
A	6010	4 4036	Telephone	\$ 2,100		Cost \$ 80,425 Social Services
A	6010	4 4039	Conferences, Training, Tuition	\$ 4,217		\$ 54,897 Social Services
A	6010	4 4046	Fees For Services	\$ 3,000		\$ 2,167,382 Social Services
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS				\$ 9,317	\$ -	
ESTIMATED REVENUES						
	ACCOUNT NO.		RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	DEPARTMENT NAME
REVENUES						
A	6010	0 4610	Social Services Admin - Federal	\$ -	\$ 9,317	\$ 12,378,169 Social Services
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES				\$ -	\$ 9,317	
GRAND TOTALS				\$ 9,317	\$ 9,317	



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NICOLE WARD
Deputy Commissioner

August 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 renew a contractual renewal agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children for the provision of Prevention Services in the area of Specialty Services- Parent Care Program.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$980,443.

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-6813, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Renewal Authorization for Specialty Prevention Services with St. Catherine Center for Children

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

Purpose of Request: Contract Authorization

CONTRACT TERMS/CONDITIONS:

Party Names and Addresses:
St. Catherine's Center for Children
40 North Main Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$980,443

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 16% County: 32 %
State: 52% Local: 0 %

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: A6071-03670/ A6119-04615
Revenue Amount: \$509,830 / \$156,871
Appropriation Account and Line: A6071-44046
Appropriation Amount: \$980,443

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409

through 409-b

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: 24-599, 23-404, 22-427, 21-403, 0-350, 19-420, 18-464, 17-383, 16-477, 15-363, 14-391, 13-482, 12-473, 12-83

Date of Adoption: 10/15/24, 10/10/23, 11/14/22, 11/8/21, 10/13/20, 10/15/19, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 11/14/16, 9/14/15, 10/14/14, 11/12/13, 12/3/12, 3/12/12

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Renewal Authorization with St. Catherine's Center for Children
for the Provision of Clinical Prevention Services, targeting caregivers with Developmentally Delays
and/or Serious Persistent Mental Illness

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$980,443. The total prevention contract amount for St. Catherine's Center for Children is \$980,443. The Department desires to exercise its first of two (2) options under the contract, to renew the agreement.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Probation, issued a Request for Proposals for Prevention Services—RFP-2024-085-- PREVENTION SERVICES on July 4, 2024 with responses due August 2, 2024. Prevention programming focuses on either preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either. Children enter care either as a result of abuse, neglect and/or Juvenile Justice involvement.

The Department recognizes the importance and necessity for the development of effective collaborations in order to meet the complex needs of families and children within the shrinking fiscal resources. As such, the RFP issued promoted innovative, creative approaches to meet the needs of children and families and allowed much flexibility for agencies to propose how to most effectively do so. It does require a formal collaborative, whereas the prevention service has a reciprocal relationship with either a Youth Bureau funded, and/or community agency for the children and their families to have diverse, holistic programming of formalized and recreational/community based services. It also requires that all children in the family that are five (5) years and older, must be engaged in at least one consistent recreational or community support activity. The parent/guardians must also be engaged with a community support activity. The idea is that these supports will remain in place for the family when the formal services have ended.

Many families and their children have been impacted by complex trauma, suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse issues and domestic violence. These children are either at significant risk of foster care placement or have been placed in foster care. It is necessary for Albany County to have creative and strategic programming that intervenes with the family immediately, assists the children and works with the foster care system inclusive of Family Court and Child Protective Services to expedite permanency and increase family functioning.

Clinical Prevention Services targeting developmentally delayed and serious persistent mental health disorder programming include: assessment, diagnostic testing, case and specialized therapies provided by a person who has received a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Mental Health Counseling degree or is a licensed Psychologist. Assessment and clinical services include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff. The therapist meets with the family/family members a minimum of once per week, for a minimum of 1 hour, and are available to the family during any crisis situation. Clinical Services occur in a variety of locations, but the family need dictates this. Clinical services occur in the family residence at least twice per month. All professionals schedule appointments at the convenience of the family.

St. Catherine's comprehensive prevention services are provided to caregivers significantly affected by developmental disabilities and/or psychiatric disorders and their families, with a particular emphasis on the educational, vocational, and life skill needs of the children ages 10+. The program will serve any age, forty-three (43) families at a time, including access to the St. Catherine's Family Resource Center.

The goals of the program are to reduce foster care risk, strengthen child and family functioning and connect families to community resources that promote long term independence and well-being.

RESOLUTION NO. 599**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING FOSTER CARE SPECIALTY PREVENTION SERVICES - PARENT CARE PROGRAM**

Introduced: 10/15/24

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 the St. Catherine's Center for Children - Parent Care Program regarding the provision of Specialty Prevention Services in an amount not to exceed \$980,443 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, DCYF, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals for Prevention Services and after a scoring process, the St. Catherine's Center for Children was awarded the contract, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the St. Catherine's Center for Children - Parent Care Program will continue to serve parents who are significantly affected by developmental disabilities and/or psychiatric disorders and their children, to prevent foster care placement or to expedite permanency for children in foster care, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the St. Catherine's Center for Children, Albany, NY 12203 regarding the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$980,443 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, 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 – 10/15/24



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August 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 into contractual renewal agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center for the provision of Prevention Services in the area of Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$1,755,365.

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-6814, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Renewal Authorization for Clinical Prevention Services with Parsons Child and Family Center

Date: August 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:

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

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$1,755,365

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 24.4 County: 33.5
State: 42.1 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071 03670	04617	04670
Revenue Amount:	\$739,009	\$ 428,309	\$ 588,047

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Appropriation Account and Line: AA6071 44046
Appropriation Amount: \$1,755,365

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409 through 409-b

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: 24-603, 23-409, 22-423, 21-399, 20-351, 19-422, 18-470, 17-380, 16-362, 15-352, 14-396, 13-488, 12-477, 12-76, 11-143
Date of Adoption: 10/15/24, 10/10/23, 11/14/22, 1/8/21, 10/13/20, 10/15/19, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 9/12/16, 9/14/15, 10/14/14, 11/12/13, 12/3/12, 3/12/12, 4/11/11

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

Please see attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Renewal Authorization with Parsons Child and Family Center
for the Provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational
Supports

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$1,755,365. The total prevention contract amount for Parsons Child and Family Center is \$1,755,365. The Department desires to exercise its first of two (2) options under the contract, to renew the agreement.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Probation, issued a Request for Proposals for Prevention Services—*RFP-2024-085-- PREVENTION SERVICES* on July 4, 2024 with responses due August 2, 2024. Prevention programming focuses on either preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either. Children enter care either as a result of abuse, neglect and/or Juvenile Justice involvement.

The Department recognizes the importance and necessity for the development of effective collaborations in order to meet the complex needs of families and children within the shrinking fiscal resources. As such, the RFP issued promoted innovative, creative approaches to meet the needs of children and families and allowed much flexibility for agencies to propose how to most effectively do so. It does require a formal collaborative, whereas the prevention service has a reciprocal relationship with either a Youth Bureau funded, and/or community agency for the children and their families to have diverse, holistic programming of formalized and recreational/community based services. It also requires that all children in the family that are five (5) years and older, must be engaged in at least one consistent recreational or community support activity. The parent/guardians must also be engaged with a community support activity. The idea is that these supports will remain in place for the family when the formal services have ended.

Many families and their children have been impacted by complex trauma, suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse issues and domestic violence. These children are either at significant risk of foster care placement or have been placed in foster care. It is necessary for Albany County to have creative and strategic programming that intervenes with the family immediately, assists the children and works with the foster care system inclusive of Family Court and Child Protective Services to expedite permanency and increase family functioning.

Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports include: assessment, diagnostic testing, case and specialized therapies provided by a person who has received a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Mental Health Counseling degree or is a licensed Psychologist. Assessment and clinical services include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff. The therapist meets with the family/family members a minimum of once per week, for a minimum of 1 hour, and are available to the family during any crisis situation. Clinical Services occur in a variety of locations, but the family need dictates this. Clinical services occur in the family residence at least twice per month. All professionals schedule appointments at the convenience of the family.

Parsons Child and Family Center's Clinical Prevention Services Program with Community and Recreational Supports provides comprehensive clinical, case management and family support services to Albany County residents to effectively address the issues that place children and youth

at risk for foster care, residential placement and detention. Services span the spectrum from in-home assessment, treatment, and discharge planning. Masters-level clinicians receive training in engagement and family systems, attachment, permanency, the impact of trauma on children and families, culture and diversity in service planning, building resiliency in children and families as well as innovative evidence-based practice models proven as effective therapeutic interventions. Service providers work with families in their home, offer flexible scheduling, collaborate with other service providers and provide innovative treatment. Assistance is provided to the family in developing a discharge plan, which builds on their achievements, encourages them to stay connected to community and familial supports while providing any needed information and/or ongoing referral. An overarching goal of the program is to prepare the family for discharge, leaving them better equipped to manage their stressors and connected to the enduring relationships and resources that will help propel them forward.

The program will facilitate social and community connections by assisting families in exploring the innovative resources that exist in the community, and help families build a wrap-around network of support. Parsons has developed an array of collaborations that can enhance a family's stability and community connection, which contribute to the collective impact of preventive services. They will create a new Family Resource Center that will bring these resources directly to youth and families in an exciting and creative way. This Center will be a drop-in space to host local programs who offer classes, workshops, and connections in a multitude of areas that will engage and stimulate the imaginations of our youth and families. It will be located conveniently in the city of Albany and house an expanded and enhanced Food and Supplies Pantry to support clients' basic needs.

Parsons will also provide the opportunity for Prevention youth to participate in the PATH juvenile justice diversion program, prior to Probation involvement, in order to mitigate their risk of entering the justice system. This will be an innovative new intervention to offer our families.

This program will serve up to seventy-five (75) Albany County families at a time.

RESOLUTION NO. 603

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS

Introduced: 10/15/24

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 Parsons Child and Family Center regarding the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$1,755,365 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, DCYF, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals for Prevention Services and after a scoring process, Parsons Child and Family Center was awarded the contract, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that Parsons Child and Family Center will continue to provide comprehensive clinical case management and family support services to Albany County residents to effectively address the issues that place children and youth at risk for foster care, residential placement, and detention, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center, Albany, NY 12208 regarding the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$1,755,365 for the term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, 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 – 10/15/24



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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 enter into contractual renewal agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. for the provision of Prevention Services in the area of Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$2,285,627.

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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File #: TMP-6816, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Renewal Authorization for Clinical Prevention Services with Trinity Alliance

Date: August 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:
Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc
15 Trinity Place
Albany, NY 12202

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$2,285,627

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 24.4 County: 33.5
State: 42.1 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6071 03670/ 04670 AA6119 04615
Revenue Amount: \$962,250 / \$557,692 \$765,685

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6071 44046
Appropriation Amount: \$2,285,627

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐

If Mandated, Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409 through 409-b

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: 24-604, 23-411, 12-422, 21-398, 20-355, 19-424, 18-472, 17-382, 16-364, 15-354, 14-393, 13-485, 12-474, 12-75

Date of Adoption: 10/15/24, 10/10/23, 11/14/22, 11/8/21, 10/13/20, 10/15/20, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 9/12/16, 9/14/15, 10/14/14, 11/12/13, 12/3/12, 3/12/12

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Renewal Authorization with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. Provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$2,285,627. This is the second and final allowable renewal for this agreement. The total prevention contract amount for Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. is \$2,285,627. The Department desires to exercise its first of two (2) options under the contract, to renew the agreement.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Probation, issued a Request for Proposals for Prevention Services—*RFP-2024-085-- PREVENTION SERVICES* on July 4, 2024 with responses due August 2, 2024. Prevention programming focuses on either preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either. Children enter care either as a result of abuse, neglect and/or Juvenile Justice involvement.

The Department recognizes the importance and necessity for the development of effective collaborations in order to meet the complex needs of families and children within the shrinking fiscal resources. As such, the RFP issued promoted innovative, creative approaches to meet the needs of children and families and allowed much flexibility for agencies to propose how to most effectively do so. It does require a formal collaborative, whereas the prevention service has a reciprocal relationship with either a Youth Bureau funded, and/or community agency for the children and their families to have diverse, holistic programming of formalized and recreational/community-based services. It also requires that all children in the family that are five (5) years and older, must be engaged in at least one consistent recreational or community support activity. The parent/guardians must also be engaged with a community support activity. The idea is that these supports will remain in place for the family when the formal services have ended.

Many families and their children have been impacted by complex trauma, suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse issues and domestic violence. These children are either at significant risk of foster care placement or have been placed in foster care. It is necessary for Albany County to have creative and strategic programming that intervenes with the family immediately, assists the children and works with the foster care system inclusive of Family Court and Child Protective Services to expedite permanency and increase family functioning.

Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports include: assessment, diagnostic testing, case and specialized therapies provided by a person who has received a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Mental Health Counseling degree or is a licensed Psychologist. Assessment and clinical services include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff. The therapist meets with the family/family members a minimum of once per week, for a minimum of 1 hour, and are available to the family during any crisis situation. Clinical Services occur in a variety of locations, but the family need dictates this. Clinical services occur in the family residence at least twice per month. All professionals schedule appointments at the convenience of the family.

Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region will provide Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports to up to ninety-five (95) Albany County families with children, age birth through eighteen, who are at risk of out-of-home placement, or are returning from foster care as the result of child abuse/neglect issues. Trinity prevention clinical services program is offered from the evidenced-based framework of cognitive behavioral solution-oriented therapy and trauma focused cognitive behavior therapy. Trinity's programs operate with a complement of multi-cultural staff. Family and youth will participate in all phases of the program, and discrete resources will be devoted to the non-custodial parent. The program will emphasis rapid engagement, consistent and intensive service delivery, and will adhere to all the mandated program, communication, reporting and documentation requirements of ACDCYF. Through existing and new service agreements with other agencies, Trinity will offer internal and external seamless family clinical and community and recreational support wrap-around services that can effectively address families' real problems in concrete, real-time ways and provide a foundation for long term stabilization.

The evening program Youth Engagement Specialist and program counselors provide a variety of positive mentored program segments promoting career exploration and citizenship pathways. The Youth Engagement Specialist is fully integrated in the clinical team meetings. Evening/Saturday program participants between the ages of 13-18 are paid a weekly stipend for 12 weeks of active attendance. The Youth Engagement Specialist forms a leadership council to help guide shared decision-making regarding the evening program to achieve shared ownership and empowerment. Evening program segments include chess, karate, computer literacy and basketball to name a few.

RESOLUTION NO. 604**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

Introduced: 10/15/24

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 Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$2,285,627 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, DCYF, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals for Prevention Services and after a scoring process, Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. was awarded the contract, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region will continue to provide Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports for up to 95 Albany County families with children aged birth through 18 who are at risk of out-of-home placement or are returning from foster care as the result of child abuse or neglect issues, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc., Albany, NY 12202 regarding the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$2,285,627 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, 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 – 10/15/24



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Deputy Commissioner

August 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 into contractual renewal agreement with Together for Youth for the provision of Prevention Services in the area of Juvenile Justice Services.

The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$276,762.

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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File #: TMP-6822, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Renewal Authorization with Together for Youth for Provision of Juvenile Justice Prevention Services for the Home Run Program

Date: August 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:

Together for Youth
500 New Karner Road
Albany, NY 12205

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$ 276,762

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 16 County: 32
State: 52 Local: 0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071 03670	AA6119 04615
Revenue Amount:	\$143,916	\$44,282

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6071 44046

Appropriation Amount: \$ 276,762

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409 through 409-b
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: 24-605, 23-400, 22-417, 21-395, 18-462, 17-389, 16-372
Date of Adoption: 10/15/24, 10/10/23, 11/14/22, 11/8/21, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 9/12/16

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Renewal Authorization with Together for Youth for the
Provision of Clinical Prevention Services

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual renewal agreement with Together for Youth—Home Run Program for the provision of Juvenile Justice Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$276,762. The total prevention contract amount for Together for Youth is \$411,469. The Department desires to exercise its first of two (2) options under the contract, to renew the agreement.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Probation, issued a Request for Proposals for Prevention Services— RFP-2024-085-- PREVENTION SERVICES on July 4, 2024 with responses due August 2, 2024. Prevention programming focuses on either preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either. Children enter care either as a result of abuse, neglect and/or Juvenile Justice involvement.

The Department recognizes the importance and necessity for the development of effective collaborations in order to meet the complex needs of families and children within the shrinking fiscal resources. As such, the RFP issued promoted innovative, creative approaches to meet the needs of children and families and allowed much flexibility for agencies to propose how to most effectively do so. It does require a formal collaborative, whereas the prevention service has a reciprocal relationship with either a Youth Bureau funded, and/or community agency for the children and their families to have diverse, holistic programming of formalized and recreational/community based services. It also requires that all children in the family that are five (5) years and older, must be engaged in at least one consistent recreational or community support activity. The parent/guardians must also be engaged with a community support activity. The idea is that these supports will remain in place for the family when the formal services have ended.

Youth enter the Juvenile Justice system either due to criminal behavior (Juvenile Delinquency) or due to truant, incorrigible, and/or disruptive behaviors beyond parental control (Person in Need of Supervision). Albany County believes that structured services alone are not sufficient and there is a necessary need to expand services to include youth engagement to determine what interests the youth and to be able to connect them through community services, employment and skill training, and recreational connections. Albany County sought a continuum of Juvenile Justice preventive services designed as an alternative to detention and foster care to reduce the utilization of detention services, increase delinquency prevention and decrease youth arrests. This will ultimately prevent youth from entering foster care, expedite permanency for youth in foster care, and reduce recidivism.

Prevention Services include face to face contact with the family at a minimum once (1) per week, for a minimum of one (1) hour. Such contact must occur at least twice (2) monthly in the family residence. Such services occur in a variety of locations but the family need dictates this. All professionals schedule appointments at the convenience of the family. As the families' designated case planning agency, the provider will be responsible for service coordination amongst any other agencies involved.

Together for Youth's Home Run Program is an intensive client centered, family focused school, community, and home-based truancy prevention program for at-risk youth. The program provides an array of services, including assessments, crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, and linkages to recreational activities and community supports. The Home Run

Program will operate at participating schools in the following School Districts: Albany and Cohoes. The target population is youth and families who are at-risk for out-of-home placement due to a presenting issue of truancy. The goals of the Home Run Program are to reduce the incidence of truancy; improve the social, emotional, and academic competencies of youth; reduce negative youth behaviors such as violence and crime; empower youth and families in all aspects of service delivery; increase parental involvement in school and in the community; and provide families with the skills and resources they need so youth will remain successfully in their homes and communities. Together for Youth Home run program would provide services for up to twenty (20) Albany County families at a time.

RESOLUTION NO. 605

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TOGETHER FOR YOUTH
REGARDING THE HOME RUN PROGRAM

Introduced: 10/15/24

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 Together for Youth regarding the Home Run Program in an amount not to exceed \$276,762 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, DCYF, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals for Prevention Services and after a scoring process, Together for Youth was awarded the contract, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the Home Run Program is an intensive and client-centered family, school, community, and home-based truancy prevention program for at-risk youth that will continue to provide an array of services including individual and family counseling in the Albany and Cohoes City School Districts, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Together for Youth, Albany, NY 12205 regarding the Home Run Program in an amount not to exceed \$276,762 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, 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 – 10/15/24



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August 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 into contractual renewal agreement with Cayuga Centers for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services regarding the Family Support Program.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$301,621.

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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File #: TMP-6825, **Version:** 1

REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

Contract Renewal Authorization with Cayuga Centers for the Provision of Clinical Prevention Services

Date: August 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:

Cayuga Centers
101 Hamilton Ave
Auburn, NY 13021

Term: (Start/end date or duration) 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026
Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$301,621

BUDGET INFORMATION:

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

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	24.4	County:	33.5
State:	42.1	Local:	0

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071	03670 / 04670	AA6119 04615
Revenue Amount:		\$126,983/ \$73,595	\$101,043

Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6071	44046
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Appropriation Amount: \$301,621

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Mandated Program/Service: Yes ☒ No ☐
If Mandated, Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409 through 409-b

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: 24-606, 23-414, 22-429, 21-405, 20-357, 19-423, 18-473, 17-384, 16-365, 15-355
Date of Adoption: 10/15/24, 10/10/23, 11/14/22, 11/8/21, 10/13/20, 10/15/19, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 9/12/16, 9/14/15

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

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for a Contract Renewal Authorization with Cayuga Centers
for the Provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and
Recreational Supports

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual renewal agreement with Cayuga Centers for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 for the amount of \$301,621. The total prevention contract amount for Cayuga Centers is \$487,482. The Department desires to exercise its first of two (2) options under the contract, to renew the agreement.

The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Probation, issued a Request for Proposals for Prevention Services—*RFP-2024-085-- PREVENTION SERVICES* on July 4, 2024 with responses due August 2, 2024. Prevention programming focuses on either preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either. Children enter care either as a result of abuse, neglect and/or Juvenile Justice involvement.

The Department recognizes the importance and necessity for the development of effective collaborations in order to meet the complex needs of families and children within the shrinking fiscal resources. As such, the RFP issued promoted innovative, creative approaches to meet the needs of children and families and allowed much flexibility for agencies to propose how to most effectively do so. It does require a formal collaborative, whereas the prevention service has a reciprocal relationship with either a Youth Bureau funded, and/or community agency for the children and their families to have diverse, holistic programming of formalized and recreational/community-based services. It also requires that all children in the family that are five (5) years and older, must be engaged in at least one consistent recreational or community support activity. The parent/guardians must also be engaged with a community support activity. The idea is that these supports will remain in place for the family when the formal services have ended.

Many families and their children have been impacted by complex trauma, suffer from mental health issues, substance abuse issues and domestic violence. These children are either at significant risk of foster care placement or have been placed in foster care. It is necessary for Albany County to have creative and strategic programming that intervenes with the family immediately, assists the children and works with the foster care system inclusive of Family Court and Child Protective Services to expedite permanency and increase family functioning.

Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports include: assessment, diagnostic testing, case and specialized therapies provided by a person who has received a Master of Social Work degree, Master of Mental Health Counseling degree or is a licensed Psychologist. Assessment and clinical services include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff. The therapist meets with the family/family members a minimum of once per week, for a minimum of 1 hour, and are available to the family during any crisis situation. Clinical Services occur in a variety of locations, but the family need dictates this. Clinical services occur in the family residence at least twice per month. All professionals schedule appointments at the convenience of the family.

The Family Support Program (FSP) intervention serves families with children ages 0 to 18 years old. The most common age range is typically between 10 and 17 years old. In some cases, (at the discretion of Albany County), FSP could potentially serve youth up to 21 years old and their

families. The child or children may be at imminent risk of removal from the home (or are returning home) and often have a history of trauma in their lives. This may include but is not limited to witnessing domestic violence, removal from home, death of a family member, living in poverty, bullying from school, sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, divorce or separation, or living with a family member with a chronic illness or disability.

Cayuga Centers proposed Clinical Services through their Intensive Family Support Program (IFSP) that target at risk families with children. The IFSP Social Worker will meet with the family 2-3 times per week in the home for the first 2-3 months of the case, decreasing in intensity, based on the needs and progress of the family. Cayuga Centers utilizes both the Home Builders model as well as the Trauma Systems Therapy (TST) model as the basis for their service delivery. The Home Builders model first created and utilized in Tacoma, Washington in 1978 is a strength-based approach which utilizes family crisis as an opportunity for change. TST is a research-based model developed by New York University (NYU) and focuses on addressing untreated trauma. This program will support up to twenty (20) families at a time.

RESOLUTION NO. 606

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CAYUGA CENTERS REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS

Introduced: 10/15/24

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 Cayuga Centers for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$301,621 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, DCYF, in collaboration with the Department of Probation and the County Purchasing Agent, issued a request for proposals for Prevention Services and after a scoring process, Cayuga Centers was awarded the contract, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that Cayuga Centers will continue to provide Clinical Prevention Services through their Family Support Program that targets at-risk families with children aged birth to 18 years old who have the highest admissions to foster care and an acute need for services, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cayuga Centers, Auburn, NY 13021 regarding the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports in an amount not to exceed \$301,621 for a term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, with two additional one-year options to renew, 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 – 10/15/24