

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families  
Justification for Contract Authorization with Cornell Cooperative Extension  
for the Provision of Juvenile Justice Prevention Services**

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the provision of Juvenile Justice Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$103,550. The total prevention contract amount for Cornell Cooperative Extension is \$103,550. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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.

Juvenile Justice 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.

Cornell Cooperative Extension proposed to provide Juvenile Justice Services programming through the Strengthening Families and Urban Four H service models. Strengthening Families is an evidence-based program and utilizes a parent, youth and family skills-building curriculum

designed to strengthen parenting skills, build family strengths, and prevent teen substance abuse and other behavior problems. The target population for this service are parents and their youth, ages 10-15, (this program can be adapted to serve the 16-17 yrs old population if there is a need), who are involved in the Juvenile Drug Court or with ACDCYF services and are at risk of detention and foster care placement. Groups are held up to 4 times per year for 10-20 families. The Urban 4H Program will be conducted in such topic areas as forensics, gardening, environmental education, animal science, food preparation and healthy eating, and career exploration. Youth, who are participating in the Albany County Juvenile Drug Court Program, Probation or DCYF services, who are at risk of detention and foster care placement and their families, can be referred for participation in this program.

RESOLUTION NO. 429

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PREVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 10/15/19  
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 463 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the provision of the juvenile justice prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$103,550 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into agreement an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the first of two one-year options to renew, regarding the provision of juvenile justice prevention services for the Strengthening Families and Urban 4-H Programs in the amount of \$103,550 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the provision of juvenile justice prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$103,550 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 - 10/15/19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 349**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REGARDING THE PROVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE PREVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 463 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the provision of juvenile justice prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$103,550 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department of Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension, the second and final option to renew, regarding the provision of juvenile justice prevention services for the Strengthening Families and Urban 4-H Programs in the amount of \$103,550 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension regarding the provision of juvenile justice prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$103,550 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, 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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Deputy Commissioner

August 31, 2020

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to renew a contractual 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$433,036.

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  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1860, Version: 1

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

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

Date: August 31, 2020  
Submitted By: Scott McNelis  
Department: Children, Youth and Families  
Title: Contract Administrator  
Phone: 7306  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):

St. Catherine's Center for Children  
40 North Main Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$433,036

Scope of Services: Parent Care Program to serve parents significantly affected by developmental disabilities and/or psychiatric disorders and their children, to prevent placement or to expedite permanency for children in foster care

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No

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

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071	03670	04615	04670
Revenue Amount:		\$182,698	\$ 130,993	\$ 7,362

Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6071	44046
Appropriation Amount:		\$433,036

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	50.6
State:	18.3
County:	31.1
Local:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date)	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021
Length of Contract:	12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes  No   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number:	19-420, 18-464, 17-383, 16-477, 15-363, 14-391, 13-482, 12-473, 12-83, 11-138
Date of Adoption:	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, 4/11/11

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families  
Justification for Contract Authorization with St. Catherine's Center for Children  
For the Provision of Specialty Prevention Services.**

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children—Parent Care Program for the provision of Specialty Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$433,036. The total prevention contract amount for St. Catherine's Center for Children is \$614,040. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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.

Due to the complex challenges facing families, there are times when Specialty Prevention Services are required to assist families in addressing the safety, permanency and well-being of their children. These specialized services may be a supportive, time limited service to address a specific family member's need or it may be a specialized service which is provided to all family members. These services are designed to prevent the reoccurrence of child abuse/neglect, youth entering or re-entering foster care or to expedite permanency for children and youth in foster care.

Specialty 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. For those Specialty services which are clinically based, such clinical services must include: assessment, diagnostic testing, clinical 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 are to include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff.

St. Catherine's Center for Children—Parent Care Program proposed to 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. This program model offers intensive, multi-faceted intervention (several hours per week) for families including concrete, hands-on assistance by a Parent Aide, clinical assessment and therapeutic intervention, and case management services. This program will serve twenty (20) families at one time.

RESOLUTION NO. 420

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING THE PARENT CARE PROGRAM**

Introduced: 10/15/19

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 464 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to renew the agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children, the first of two one-year options to renew, regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 - 10/15/19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 350**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING THE PARENT CARE PROGRAM**

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 464 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to renew the agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children, the second and final option to renew, regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding specialty prevention services and the Parent Care Program in an amount not to exceed \$433,036 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and, be it further

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August 31, 2020

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
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112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into contractual 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,205,669.

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  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel





Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1861, Version: 1

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

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

Date:	August 31, 2020
Submitted By:	Scott McNelis
Department:	Children, Youth and Families
Title:	Contract Administrator
Phone:	7306
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

**Party (Name/address):**

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

**Additional Parties (Names/addresses):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$1,205,669  
Scope of Services: Prevention Program with Community and Recreational  
Supports services to Albany County residents to effectively address the issues that place children  
and youth at risk for foster care, residential placement and detention.  
Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No   
If Mandated Cite Authority: Title 4 of Article 6 of the Social Services Law, sections 409 through 409-  
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Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6071 03670 04615 04670  
Revenue Amount: \$474,310 \$ 340,119 \$ 19,291

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6071 44046  
Appropriation Amount: \$1,205,669

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 50.6  
State: 18.3  
County: 31.1  
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021  
Length of Contract: 12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes  No   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 19-422, 18-470, 17-380, 16-362, 15-352, 14-396, 13-488, 12-477, 12-76, 11-143  
Date of Adoption: 10/15/19, 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

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$1,205,669. The total prevention contract amount for Parsons Child and Family Center is \$1,205,669. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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. This program will serve up to sixty (60) Albany County families.

**RESOLUTION NO. 422****AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS CHILD AND FAMILY CENTER REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

Introduced: 10/15/19

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 470 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized 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 \$1,206,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center, the first of two one-year renewal options, regarding the provision of clinical prevention and family support services in an amount not to exceed \$1,205,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$1,205,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 - 10/15/19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 351**

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

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 470 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized 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 \$1,206,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Parsons Child and Family Center, the second and final option to renew, regarding the provision of clinical prevention and family support services in an amount not to exceed \$1,205,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, 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 regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$1,205,669 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, 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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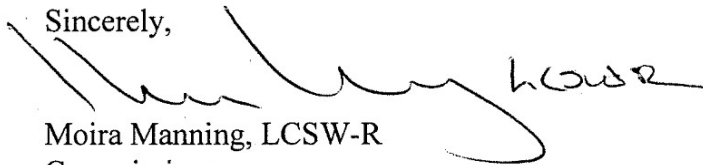
Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into contractual agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$181,004.

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  
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Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel





Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1862, Version: 1

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

Contract Authorization for Clinical Prevention Services BKW with St. Catherine's Center for Children

Date:	August 31, 2020
Submitted By:	Scott McNelis
Department:	Children, Youth and Families
Title:	Contract Administrator
Phone:	7306
Department Rep.	
Attending Meeting:	Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
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- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
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- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

#### **Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

#### **Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):

St. Catherine's Center for Children  
40 North Main Avenue  
Albany, NY 12203

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$181,004

Scope of Services: BKW Connections Program serves families of children who attend schools of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo region, who are at risk of foster care placement due to inappropriate behaviors at school.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

### **CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No

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

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071	03670	04615	04670
Revenue Amount:		\$73,366	\$54,754	\$ 3,077

Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6071	44046
Appropriation Amount:		\$181,004

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	42
State:	32
County:	26
Local:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date)	1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021
Length of Contract:	12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes  No   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number:	19-426, 18-471, 17-383, 16-366, 15-356, 14-392, 13-483, 12-473, 12-73, 11-138
Date of Adoption:	10/15/19, 10/9/18, 10/10/17, 9/12/16, 9/14/15, 10/14/14, 11/12/13, 12/3/13, 3/12/12, 4/11/11

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)  
Please see attached

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract Authorization with St. Catherine's Center for Children**  
**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 St. Catherine's Center for Children—BKW Connections Program for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$181,004. The total prevention contract amount for St. Catherine's Center for Children is \$614,040. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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.

St. Catherine's Center for Children—BKW Connections Program proposes to continue to serve the children, ages four (4) to thirteen (13), who attend one of the region's elementary and/or middle schools, and their families of the Berne-Knox-Westerlo region of Albany County. These students are at risk of foster care placement due to struggling with inappropriate behaviors at school, which may inevitably reflect unaddressed familial challenges including substance abuse or mental health concerns and/or domestic violence. BKW Connections Program is an evidence-based prevention program (utilizes Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral therapy) model, which will include assessment, diagnostic testing, clinical services and an afterschool children's group. It is operated in collaboration with the BKW School District and Albany County, and was initially implemented to meet the unmet needs of children at risk of, or in foster care and their families in this underserved area. This program will serve fifteen (15) families at one time.

RESOLUTION NO. 426

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS - BERNE KNOX WESTERLO (BKW) CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

Introduced: 10/15/19

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 471 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the Berne Knox Westerlo (BKW) Connections Program in an amount not to exceed \$181,004 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children, the first of two one-year renewal options, regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the BKW Connections Program in an amount not exceed \$181,004 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The BKW Connections Program proposes to continue to serve the children ages four (4) to thirteen (13), who attend one of the region's elementary or middle schools and live in the Berne, Knox, or Westerlo regions of Albany County and are at risk of foster care placement due to inappropriate behavior at school, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the BKW Connections Program in an amount not exceed \$181,004 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 - 10/15/19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 352**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS – BERNE KNOX WESTERLO (BKW) CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

Introduced: 10/13/20  
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 471 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the Berne Knox Westerlo (BKW) Connections Program in an amount not to exceed \$181,004 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter a renewal agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children, the second and final option to renew, regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the BKW Connections Program in an amount not exceed \$181,004 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, The BKW Connections Program proposes to continue to serve children ages four (4) to thirteen (13) who attend one of the region's elementary or middle schools and live in the Berne, Knox, or Westerlo regions of Albany County and are at risk of foster care placement, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for the BKW Connections Program in an amount not exceed \$181,004 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, 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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August 31, 2020

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into contractual agreement with Community Maternity Services for the provision of Specialty Prevention Services.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$247,361.

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  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1863, Version: 1

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

Contract Authorization for Specialty Prevention Services with Community Maternity Services

Date: August 31, 2020  
Submitted By: Scott McNelis  
Department: Children, Youth and Families  
Title: Contract Administrator  
Phone: 7306  
Department Rep.  
Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
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- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue



Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

Party (Name/address):

Community Maternity Services  
27 North Main Ave  
Albany, NY 12203

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$247,361  
Scope of Services: Prevention Services to serve parents with developmental disabilities and/or significant mental health disorders and their children, to prevent foster care placement or to expedite permanency for children in foster care

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

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

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: AA6071 03670 04615 04670  
Revenue Amount: \$94,492 \$ 69,607 \$ 3,933

Appropriation Account and Line: AA6071 44046  
Appropriation Amount: \$247,361

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: 50.6  
State: 18.3  
County: 31.1  
Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021  
Length of Contract: 12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation

If yes, explain: Yes  No   
Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 19-421, 18-466, 17-391,16-478, 15-362, 14-386, 13-477, 12-480, 12-82, 11-144  
Date of Adoption: 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, 4/11/11

Justification: (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

RESOLUTION NO. 421

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MATERNITY SERVICES REGARDING SPECIALTY PREVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 10/15/19  
By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 466 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$247,361 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to renew an agreement, the first of two one-year options to renew, with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$247,361 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 in an amount not to exceed \$247,361, 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 - 10/15/19*

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract Authorization with Community Maternity Services**  
**For the Provision of Specialty Prevention Services.**

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests legislative authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Community Maternity Services for the provision of Specialty Prevention Services. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$247,361. The total prevention contract amount for Community Maternity Services is \$622,508. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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.

Due to the complex challenges facing families, there are times when Specialty Prevention Services are required to assist families in addressing the safety, permanency and well-being of their children. These specialized services may be a supportive, time limited service to address a specific family member's need or it may be a specialized service which is provided to all family members. These services are designed to prevent the reoccurrence of child abuse/neglect, youth entering or re-entering foster care or to expedite permanency for children and youth in foster care.

Specialty 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. For those Specialty services which are clinically based, such clinical services must include: assessment, diagnostic testing, clinical 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 are to include family and individual interviews, contact with collateral agencies, schools, extended family and natural supports and diligent communication with Albany County staff.

Community Maternity Services proposed to serve parents with developmental disabilities and/or significant mental health disorders and their children (with a focus for those birth to five), to prevent foster care placement or to expedite permanency for children in foster care. The proposed services will include case management, parent education, clinical, and case aid supports. Clinical supports will include individual and family counseling and parent education will be delivered in both home and group-based contexts. This program will serve ten (10) families at one time.

**RESOLUTION NO. 353**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MATERNITY SERVICES REGARDING SPECIALTY PREVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 466 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$247,361 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to renew an agreement, the second and final option to renew, with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services in an amount not to exceed \$247,361 for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of specialty prevention services for a term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$247,361, 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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August 31, 2020

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Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into contractual agreement with Community Maternity Services for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports.

The requested agreement is for the term of January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$375,147.

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  
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Legislation Text

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**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

Contract Authorization for Clinical Prevention Services with Community Maternity Services

Date: August 31, 2020  
 Submitted By: Scott McNelis  
 Department: Children, Youth and Families  
 Title: Contract Administrator  
 Phone: 7306  
 Department Rep.  
 Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
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**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
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- Personnel Non-Individual

Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
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**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

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Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

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**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

**Party (Name/address):**

Community Maternity Services  
27 North Main Ave  
Albany, NY 12203

**Additional Parties (Names/addresses):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$375,147  
Scope of Services: Prevention Services Program with Community and Recreational Supports designed to prevent children and youth from entering foster care, and to provide services for youth discharged from foster care and their families

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

Mandated Program/Service: Yes  No



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

Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No   
Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071	03670	04615	04670
Revenue Amount:		\$158,275	\$ 113,482	\$ 6,377

Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6071	44046
Appropriation Amount:		\$375,147

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal:	50.6
State:	18.3
County:	31.1
Local:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021  
Length of Contract: 12 Months

Impact on Pending Litigation Yes  No   
If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:

Resolution/Law Number: 19-425, 18-469, 17-381, 16-363, 15-353, 14-386, 13-477, 12-480, 12-82, 11-144  
Date of Adoption: 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

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)  
Please see attached

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract Authorization with Community Maternity Services**  
**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 Community Maternity Services for the provision of Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports. The requested contract term is for January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$375,147. The total prevention contract amount for Community Maternity Services is \$622,508. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option under the contract, to renew the agreement.

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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.

Community Maternity Service's Clinical Prevention Services Program with Community and Recreational Supports offers a full array of services designed to prevent children and youth from

entering foster care, and to provide services for youth discharged from foster care and their families. Community Maternity Services is proposing a tiered model for services with an increased level of services for families presenting with factors indicating a higher risk of foster care placement. The target populations for CMS are pregnant and parenting teens and families affected by parental mental health or developmental disabilities. The proposed program will serve families from any geographic location in the county. Services will be provided by clinical LMSW staff and FT Sr. Case Planner. Families will be assessed using a Trauma Assessment. All services at Community Maternity Services employ strengths based, child centered, family systems techniques within a staff-to- parent/caregiver partnership model that seeks to empower parents/caregivers, protect children, connect families to on-going natural and community supports and strengthen family bonds and functioning via crisis intervention and resolution. This program has 30 available slots.

**RESOLUTION NO. 425****AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MATERNITY SERVICES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

Introduced: 10/15/19

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 469 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$375,147 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services, the first of two one-year renewal options, regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$375,147 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$375,147 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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 - 10/15/19*

**RESOLUTION NO. 354**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY MATERNITY SERVICES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

Introduced: 10/13/20

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 469 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Community Maternity Services regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$375,147 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019, with two one-year options to renew, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into a renewal agreement with Community Maternity Services, the second and final option to renew, regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$375,147 for the term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021, now, therefore be it

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Deputy Commissioner

August 31, 2020

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is our Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into contractual 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$1,456,677.

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  
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel



Legislation Text

File #: TMP-1866, Version: 1

**REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

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

Contract Authorization for Clinical Prevention Services with Trinity Alliance

Date: August 31, 2020  
 Submitted By: Scott McNelis  
 Department: Children, Youth and Families  
 Title: Contract Administrator  
 Phone: 7306  
 Department Rep.  
 Attending Meeting: Moira Manning, Commissioner

**Purpose of Request:**

- Adopting of Local Law
- Amendment of Prior Legislation
- Approval/Adoption of Plan/Procedure
- Bond Approval
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Authorization
- Countywide Services
- Environmental Impact/SEQR
- Home Rule Request
- Property Conveyance
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

**Increase/decrease category (choose all that apply):**

- Contractual
- Equipment
- Fringe
- Personnel
- Personnel Non-Individual
- Revenue

Increase Account/Line No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Source of Funds: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Title Change: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATIONS**

**Type of Contract:**

- Change Order/Contract Amendment
- Purchase (Equipment/Supplies)
- Lease (Equipment/Supplies)
- Requirements
- Professional Services
- Education/Training
- Grant

Choose an item.

Submission Date Deadline Click or tap to enter a date.

- Settlement of a Claim
- Release of Liability
- Other: (state if not listed) Click or tap here to enter text.

**Contract Terms/Conditions:**

**Party (Name/address):**

Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc  
15 Trinity Pl  
Albany, NY 12202

**Additional Parties (Names/addresses):**

Click or tap here to enter text.

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$1,456,677  
Scope of Services: Prevention programming focuses on preventing children from entering foster care, detention or shortening their stay if placed in either.

Bond Res. No.: Click or tap here to enter text.  
Date of Adoption: Click or tap here to enter text.

**CONCERNING ALL REQUESTS**

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



Is there a Fiscal Impact: Yes  No

Anticipated in Current Budget: Yes  No

**County Budget Accounts:**

Revenue Account and Line:	AA6071	03670	04615	04670
Revenue Amount:		\$614,572	\$440,645	\$24,764

Appropriation Account and Line:	AA6071	44046
Appropriation Amount:		\$1,456,677

**Source of Funding - (Percentages)**

Federal:	50.6
State:	18.3
County:	31.1
Local:	Click or tap here to enter text.

**Term**

Term: (Start and end date) 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021

Length of Contract: 12 Months

**Impact on Pending Litigation**

Yes  No

If yes, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Previous requests for Identical or Similar Action:**

Resolution/Law Number: 19-424, 18-472, 17-382, 16-364, 15-354, 14-393, 13-485, 12-474, 12-75, 11-141

Date of Adoption: 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

**Justification:** (state briefly why legislative action is requested)

Please see attached

## RESOLUTION NO. 424

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

Introduced: 10/15/19

By Social Services Committee Mss. McKnight and Willingham:

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 472 for 2018, this Honorable Body authorized an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc. regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports in an amount not to exceed \$1,456,677 for a term commencing January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter an agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc., the first of two one-year options to renew, for the provision of comprehensive clinical prevention services with community and support services to families in Albany County with children ages birth through eighteen years who are at risk of out of home placement or are returning from foster care in an amount not to exceed \$1,456,677 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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. in an amount not to exceed \$1,456,677 regarding the provision of clinical prevention services with community and recreational supports for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, 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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**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract Authorization with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc.**  
**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 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 for the amount of \$1,456,677. The total prevention contract amount for Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, Inc is \$1,456,677. The Department desires to exercise its second and final option 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-2018-063-- PREVENTION SERVICES: Juvenile Justice Services, Clinical Services with Community and Recreational Supports, and Specialty Services* on May 17, 2018 with responses due June 29, 2018. 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 is proposing to provide Clinical Prevention Services with Community and Recreational Supports to eighty (80) 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. Program services will emanate from three sites, the Arbor Hill Center, Colonie Outreach Center, and the Trinity Center in Albany's South End, and will offer an exclusively community located, comprehensive and seamless service delivery system. Trinity prevention clinical services program is offered from the evidenced-based framework of cognitive behavioral solution-oriented therapy and trauma focused cognitive behavior therapy. The program will be organized in clinical teams of a Masters level clinician and seasoned service navigators, buttressed by Trinity's body of case and social worker staff from a various domains. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 355**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH TRINITY ALLIANCE OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. REGARDING THE PROVISION OF CLINICAL PREVENTION SERVICES WITH COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL SUPPORTS**

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