

# **County of Albany**

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



## **Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

**5:30 PM**

**Held Remotely**

**Social Services Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

2. AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER – CHILD FATALITY REVIEW TEAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET
3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES
4. AUTHORIZING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH ALBANY COUNTY CRIME VICTIM AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE CENTER REGARDING A TWENTY-FOUR HOUR REPOSE TEAM

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## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

5:30 PM

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**Social Services Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**Present:** Samuel I. Fein, Merton D. Simpson, Nathan L. Bruschi, Mickey Cleary, Patrice Lockart, Carolyn McLaughlin and Jeff S. Perlee

**Excused:** Norma J. Chapman and Christopher H. Smith

**1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

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

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**2. AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REGARDING THE PROVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

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

**3. AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE REGARDING GRANT FUNDING AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET**

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



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February 9, 2022

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 grant with NYS Office of Children and Family Services for the Children's Advocacy Center- Child Fatality Review Team.

The requested grant is for the term of February 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023 for \$69,637 and involves amending the 2022 Departmental Budget to accept and utilize these funds.

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



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## Legislation Text

**File #:** TMP-3120, **Version:** 1

### REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Authorization of Grant Acceptance from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), and the Child Fatality Review team (CFRT), as well as Contract Authorization with SIDS of Pennsylvania Cribs for Kids and Amend the 2022 Budget

Date: February 9, 2022  
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.: 6119 0 3407 / 6119 4 4020, 4039, 4042, 4046

Source of Funds: NYSOCFS

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

Renewal

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):

New York State OCFS

52 Washington Street

Rensselaer, NY 12144

Additional Parties (Names/addresses):

SIDS of Pennsylvania

Cribs for Kids

5450 Second Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15207

Amount/Raise Schedule/Fee: \$69,637

Scope of Services: Child Advocacy Center Services

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: Click or tap here to enter text.

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

County Budget Accounts:

Revenue Account and Line: 6119 0 3407

Revenue Amount: \$69,637

Appropriation Account and Line: 6119 4 4020 4039 4042 4046

Appropriation Amount: 1,697 6,850 50,140.00 10,950.00

Source of Funding - (Percentages)

Federal: Click or tap here to enter text.

State: 100

County: Click or tap here to enter text.

Local: Click or tap here to enter text.

Term

Term: (Start and end date) February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023

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: 20-100, 19-135, 18-26, 17-347, 16-327, 15-351, 15-64

Date of Adoption: 3/9/20, 4/8/19, 2/12/18, 9/11/17, 8/8/16, 9/14/15, 2/9/15

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

Please see attached



## **Department for Children, Youth and Families**

### **Backup Material for Authorization of Grant Acceptance from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services For the Children's Advocacy Center - Child Fatality Review Team, Contract Authorization with SIDS of Pennsylvania Cribs for Kids, and to Amend the 2022 Adopted Budget**

The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to accept grant funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS) for the Children's Advocacy Center – Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) and amend the 2022 Adopted Department for Children, Youth and Families budget. The grant award is a five year award for the contract term of February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2024, with a total value of \$348,185 with no County share for the term.

The Department requests authorization to accept the annual award amount of \$69,637 for the period of February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023 and to amend the 2022 Adopted Department for Children, Youth and Families budget accordingly. The Department also respectfully requests contract authorization with SIDS of Pennsylvania Cribs for Kids, through this grant award, in the amount of \$10,950.00, for the term of February 1, 2022 to January 31, 2023.

The Albany County CFRT is a collaboration of professionals from various disciplines. The Albany County CFRT purpose and goals are to prevent future deaths and promote child safety. The Team reviews child fatalities, addresses systems issues, makes recommendations for improved practice for those agencies involved in child fatality investigations, and recommends measures to prevent future child fatalities and promote overall safety and well-being of children, especially surviving siblings.

The grant funds for the contract will be used to: 1) ensure educational information is made available to the public and professionals about risk factors that contribute to preventable child deaths such as unsafe sleeping practices for infants, pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, hyperthermia, pool safety and abusive head trauma (shaken baby syndrome) using an array of educational and media approaches; 2) continue a local chapter of the national Cribs for Kids organization and distribute cribs directly to those children in need; and 3) provide training to support continued improved practices and approaches of the multi-disciplinary team members.

The Team is currently comprised of representatives from the Child Protective Service of the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families (ACDCYF); the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYS OCFS); the Albany County Department of Health (DOH); the Albany County Coroner's office (Coroner); the Office of the Albany County District Attorney (District Attorney); the Office of the Albany County Attorney (County Attorney); a representative of local police department(s)--Albany, Altamont, Bethlehem, Cohoes, Colonie, and Guilderland--in ALBANY County; a representative of the New York State Police; a representative of the Albany County Department of Emergency Services (EMS); and Albany County Sheriff's Office; a pediatrician with expertise in the area of child abuse and maltreatment.

The Department for Children, Youth and Families – Children's Advocacy Center has received funding in the past from NYS OCFS specifically for the Child Fatality Review Team. This funding has allowed, and will continue to support, the Albany County collaborative to increase public awareness and advocacy for the issues that affect the health and safety of children, as well as the team's other stated purpose and goals.

Child Advocacy Center -  
Child Fatality Review Team Grant Budget Amendment

**APPROPRIATIONS**

ACCOUNT	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE	DEPARTMENT NAME	ANNUAL
AA 6119 4 4020	Office Supplies	1,697.00		DCYF	
AA 6119 4 4039	Conferences, Training, Tuition	6,850.00		DCYF	
AA 6119 4 4042	Printing and Advertising	50,140.00		DCYF	
AA 6119 4 4046	Fees for Services	10,950.00		DCYF	
	<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<u>69,637.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		

**ESTIMATED REVENUES**

ACCOUNT	RESOLUTION DESCRIPTION	DECREASE	INCREASE	DEPARTMENT NAME
AA 6119 0 3407	Child Advocacy Center	0.00	69,637.00	DCYF
	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>69,637.00</u>	
	<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<u>69,637.00</u>	<u>69,637.00</u>	



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

**KATHY HOCHUL**  
Governor

**SHEILA J. POOLE**  
Commissioner

February 2, 2022

Ms. Moira Manning, Commissioner  
Albany County Department for Children, Youth & Families  
112 State Street, Suite 300  
Albany, NY 12207

RE: Contract #C028477

Dear Ms. Manning:

This letter is to inform you the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) is adding the fourth year of the funding in the amount of \$69,637.00 to the already approved multiyear Albany County Department for Children, Youth & Families Child Fatality Review Team (CFRT) contract. The funding being added is for the period 2/1/2022-1/31/2023.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact your OCFS Program Manager, Michael Miller at (518) 473-4285 or [Michael.Miller@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Michael.Miller@ocfs.ny.gov).

I want to wish you continued success in providing services to the children and families of New York State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. DeSantis".

Jason DeSantis, Director  
Bureau of Protective Practices

cc: John N. Lockwood, Esq., OCFS Regional Director  
Michael Miller, OCFS Program Manager



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April 11, 2022

Hon. Andrew C. Joyce, Chairman  
Albany County Legislature  
112 State St., Rm. 710  
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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 renew a contractual agreement with Schenectady County to provide Evaluation Services under the Preschool Special Education Program for children ages 3 -5 years old with disabilities.

The requested agreement is anticipated to generate approximately \$5,000 for the term of July 1, 2022– June 30, 2023.

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

## **Department for Children, Youth and Families**

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

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully request legislative authorization to renew a contractual arrangement with the County of Schenectady to provide Evaluation Team services to the Schenectady County Children with Special Needs program. The Term of this agreement is July 01, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Reimbursement under this agreement shall be at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 147

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHENECTADY COUNTY REGARDING THE PROVISION OF PRESCHOOL EVALUATION SERVICES

Introduced: 5/10/21  
By Social Services Committee and Mr. A. Joyce:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Schenectady County regarding the provision of Preschool Evaluation Services through the Albany County Evaluation Team for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and

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

WHEREAS, The reimbursements under this agreement will be at the applicable rates established by NYSED and Albany County will be reimbursed 100% by Schenectady County for all Preschool Evaluation Services rendered by the Albany County Evaluation Team, and

WHEREAS, The Department anticipates approximately \$5,000 in revenue over the term of the agreement, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Schenectady County regarding the provision of Preschool Evaluation Services at the applicable rates established by NYSED for the term commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, and, be it further

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

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

*Adopted by unanimous vote - 5/10/21*



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Dear Chairman Joyce:

Enclosed is a Request for Legislative Action from the Department for Children, Youth and Families for permission to enter into an Interdepartmental Agreement with Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center for facilitation of services related to the Safe Harbor initiative. The amount requested for facilitation of these services is not to exceed \$3,000. The requested contract term will be January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

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,

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cc: Dennis Feeney, Majority Leader  
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## **Department for Children, Youth and Families**

### **Authorization for an Inter-Departmental Agreement with Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center**

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth, and Families (ACDCYF) respectfully requests Legislative authorization to enter into an Interdepartmental Agreement with Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center (ACCVSVC) for facilitation of services related to the Safe Harbor initiative. The amount requested for facilitation of these services is not to exceed \$3,000. The requested contract term will be January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022.

The Safe Harbor initiative focuses on establishing a framework to increase the identification of potential trafficking victims, creating capacity for services in local infrastructures, and to support direct services to those victims. As part of ACDCYF's implementation of the Safe Harbor program, the department is focused on having a continuum of programs and services that enhance the effectiveness of education, outreach, case management and responsiveness to those persons identified as victims of or at high risk of trafficking.

ACCVSVC has a proven record and mechanism for responsiveness to victims of crimes, including sexual violence. Having ACCVSVC as an additional partner would provide the ability to respond to victims outside of non-business hours as they have an established 24/7 response team. Crime Victims would be the point person for community agencies such as law enforcement, hospitals, and community-based organizations to reach out to when a referral for trafficking services are warranted, allowing for a seamless and consistent response team and approach. The contract with ACCVSVC allows for a more holistic and comprehensive plan to address and serve the needs of this population.



*CRIME VIC*

**RESOLUTION NO. 53**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE CHILD RIGHT: SAFE HARBOR INITIATIVE AND AMENDING THE 2020 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET**

Introduced: 2/10/20  
By Audit and Finance Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services in order to accept funding regarding the Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative in the amount of \$43,350 for a term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested authorization to enter into an interdepartmental agreement with the Albany County Crime Victims and Sexual Violence Center (ACCVSVC) in an amount not to exceed \$7,000 regarding the Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and

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

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also requested a budget amendment in order to incorporate the aforementioned funding, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with NYS Office of Children, Youth and Family Services in order to accept funding in the amount of \$43,350 for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Executive is also authorized to execute an interdepartmental agreement with the ACCVSVC in amount not to exceed \$7,000 regarding the Child Right: Safe Harbor Initiative for the term commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2020 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3407 Child Advocacy Center by \$43,350