

**RESOLUTION NO. 241**

**AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING AND AN AGREEMENT WITH NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES REGARDING THE FAMILY PEER ADVOCATES PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE 2022 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES BUDGET**

Introduced: 7/11/22

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in order to accept funding regarding the Family Peer Advocates Program in the amount of \$120,000 for a term commencing May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023, and

WHEREAS, The Family Peer Advocate will be part of a mobile response team, to include a trained and credentialed individual with lived experiences who will assist parents coping with crises such as a child protective services investigation or family separation by providing empathic understanding from an individual who has faced similar circumstances, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has indicated that the Department will issue a Request for Proposals for Family Peer Advocate services, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has also indicated that a budget amendment is necessary to incorporate said funds into the 2022 Department for Children, Youth and Families budget, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with OCFS in order to accept funding regarding the Family Peer Advocates Program in the amount of \$120,000 for the term commencing May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the 2022 Department for Children, Youth and Families Budget is amended as follows:

Increase Revenue Account A3661 Family & Children Svcs Block by \$120,000

Increase Appropriation Account A6119.4 by \$120,000 by increasing Line Item A6119 4 4046 Fees for Services by \$120,000

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 – 7/11/22*