

**RESOLUTION NO. 356**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH ST. CATHERINE'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN REGARDING FOSTER CARE SPECIAL PREVENTION SERVICES – BERNE KNOX WESTERLO CONNECTIONS PROGRAM**

Introduced: 9/14/15

By Social Services Committee, Ms. Busch and Mr. Stevens:

WHEREAS, The Department for Children, Youth and Families, after an RFP process, has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with St. Catherine's Center for Children regarding foster care specialty prevention services for the period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$211,813, and

WHEREAS, St. Catherine's Center for Children Family Care Program serves children and their families who demonstrate a variety of significant behavioral, mental and physical challenges, and

WHEREAS, St. Catherine's Center for Children Berne Knox Westerlo (BKW) Connections Program proposes to continue to serve children, ages four to thirteen, who attend one of the region's elementary schools and their families in the Berne-Knox-Westerlo region of Albany County, and

WHEREAS, The BKW Connections Program is an evidence-based prevention program, which includes assessment, diagnostic testing, clinical services and an afterschool children's group operated in collaboration with the BKW School District and Albany County initially implemented to meet the unmet needs of children at risk of entering or in foster care and their families, 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 the BKW Connections Program prevention services for the period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 in an amount not to exceed \$211,813, 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. 9/14/15*