

**RESOLUTION NO. 358**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER & SERVICES FOR YOUTH REGARDING TRUANCY PREVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 9/14/15

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families is focusing on truancy prevention and reduction for at-risk youth in elementary, middle and high schools in communities that do not have access to an existing truancy prevention program, and

WHEREAS, The Department, after an RFP process, has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth regarding Truancy Prevention Services in the City of Cohoes, City of Watervliet, Green Island, South Colonie and Guilderland in the amount of \$289,562 for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth operates the Home Run Program which is an intensive school, community and home based truancy prevention program designed to increase the level of attendance for at-risk students enrolled in elementary, middle and high schools, and

WHEREAS, The Home Run Program provides family and individual counseling services, improves parental involvement in school and works to improve home and community issues, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth regarding Truancy Prevention Services in the City of Cohoes, City of Watervliet, Green Island, South Colonie and Guilderland communities in the amount of \$289,562 for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, 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*