

**RESOLUTION NO. 401**

**AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BERKSHIRE FARM CENTER & SERVICES FOR YOUTH REGARDING FAMILY ASSESSMENT INTERVENTION SERVICES**

Introduced: 10/13/15

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, The 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 Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth regarding Family Assessment Intervention Services in the amount of \$150,828 for a term commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016, and

WHEREAS, The Family Assessment Intervention is a two-pronged direct intervention at Family Court prior to when a youth is brought to court the program proposes to postpone immediately presenting youth to court in order to provide an opportunity for information to be gathered about the youth, their family and community in order to determine if a reasonable safety plan can be made for the youth to avoid detention, 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 Family Assessment Intervention Services in the amount of \$150,828 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. 10/13/15*