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Honorable Andrew Joyce, Chairman
Albany County Legislature
112 State Street, Room 710
Albany, New York 12207

Dear Chairman Joyce:

The County Executive's Office, on behalf of the Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, and Assigned Counsel Program, requests authorization to apply for the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services (ILS)' Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant. This grant would provide funding to improve the quality of representation to parents accused of child maltreatment who cannot afford to retain counsel by developing a program/practice including pre-petition access to counsel, integration of non-attorney professionals such as social workers and parent advocates, and other specialized training opportunities. Should the application be successful, the maximum amount to be awarded to any county is \$500,000.00 (\$166,666.66 per year for three years). There is no funding match or any other cost to the county to participate in this project.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. McCoy
Albany County Executive

cc: Hon. Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
Hon. Frank A. Mauriello, Minority Leader
Rebekah Kennedy, Majority Counsel
Arnis Zilgme, Minority Counsel