

## Program Synopsis Raise the Age – Enhanced Case Management and Community Support Services

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The Parsons Prevention Program is partnering with Trinity Alliance and SNUG to bring innovative and evidence-based services to a newly designed program to intervene with Raise the Age (RTA) youth effectively.

We will accept all referrals from Albany County Probation for youth ages fourteen and above and seek to rapidly engage the family and youth while utilizing the Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) results to guide service planning.

Our staff is experienced in rapid and sustained engagement. Our engagement approach is respectful of youth and all family members and includes such basic tenets as client-centered, strength-based, and culturally competent practices. We also recognize that youth with a strong parental presence and involvement are more likely to reach goals and achieve positive outcomes.

We are dedicated to helping youth and their families thrive by drawing on natural strengths, encouraging involvement in developing their service plans, and ensuring basic needs are met in the short term while fostering long-term self-sufficiency and community-centric connections.

We work with families in their homes or community offices, offer flexible scheduling, collaborate with Probation and other service providers, and encourage the participation of a youth's support network. We seek to identify a positive adult resource for each youth who can offer ongoing encouragement.

- ✓ **Unites two community agencies in creating services for Raise the Age youth.**
- ✓ **Utilizes Credible Messengers & an Enhanced Case Manager**
- ✓ **Holistic Service Planning**
- ✓ **Evidence Based Practices**
- ✓ **24/7 On-call Response**
- ✓ **Flexible & Innovative**
- ✓ **Willingness to Meet New Challenges**

We will introduce youth to a Credible Messenger who serves as both a role model and a mentor who can translate their lived experience into words and actions that resonate with juvenile justice youth.

The Parsons Enhanced Case Manager will provide holistic service and coordinated case management and complete any required referrals/linkages to services.

The Enhanced Case Manager and Credible Messenger will work intensively as a team with referred youth, providing service planning, constructive feedback, and guidance and supporting the youth's educational,

recreational and vocational growth and subsequent linkage to community resources.

We will collaborate with Albany County Probation, service providers, and other community resources to develop an aftercare plan that builds on a youth's achievements, exposes them to new opportunities and reduces their overall risk for reoffending and further entry into the juvenile justice system.