

**The Department for Children, Youth and Families**  
**Justification for Contract Authorization with The House of the Good Shepherd for the Provision of Non-Secure Detention Services**

The Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully requests authorization for Albany County to enter into a contractual agreement with The House of the Good Shepherd for the provision of Non-Secure Detention Services. The requested term will be January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 in the amount of \$1,056,935.00.

The Department desires to reserve 3 (three) beds in the Provider's Non-Secure Detention (NSD) program.

The program will serve females and males between the ages of 12-17 years that meet the criteria for detention as outlined in Title 9 & 18 CCR-NY. A Family Court Order directing detention is required in order to be eligible for admission to the non-secure detention program. Youth detained by law enforcement that have not yet appeared in court will not be accepted into the agency's non-secure detention program.

The House of the Good Shepherd will adhere to a standard admission procedure, which will include proper personal search and inventory and securing of personal belongings, medical screening within 24 hours, assessing self-preservation, conducting an admission risk assessment, and providing the youth with program orientation.