



Office of Children and Family Services

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Acting Commissioner

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Moir Manning, Commissioner
Albany County DCYF
112 State Street
Room 300
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Commissioner, Manning:

OCFS is pleased to continue partnering with Albany County in 2024 on Safe Harbour: NY programming. This message serves as approval of the Albany County 2024 Safe Harbour program plan and budget. In the 2023 report we were happy to read that your county is continuing to conduct prevention classes and working with local residential agencies regarding AWOL reduction techniques and safety planning with youth.

Reminders and other notes:

- Safe Harbour allocations are issued as preliminary. OCFS retains the ability to evaluate program spending throughout the program year. Programs with underspent and under claimed funds are subject to redistribution to other programs based on demonstrated need.
- Any public awareness or outreach materials published using Safe Harbour funds require prior approval from OCFS.
- The Safe Harbour: NY SharePoint site contains many resources and example documents created by other counties. We will continue to add documents to create a robust resource library of what works for programs statewide. For access to the SharePoint site please contact Shannon Lukowski at Shannon.Lukowski2@ocfs.ny.gov.
- The OCFS human trafficking webpage is another available resource to use for anti-human trafficking program support and information. Please visit <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/humantrafficking/default.asp> to learn more.

OCFS is excited to support Albany County's advance programming to address the needs of trafficked and commercially sexually exploited children and youth.

Sincerely,

Sonia Tate
Director
Bureau of Youth Development & Well-Being