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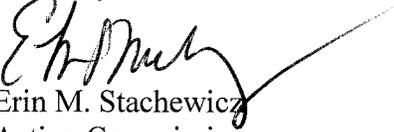
Hon. Joanne Cunningham, Chairwoman
Albany County Legislature
112 State St., Room 710
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Chairwoman Cunningham:

The Department of Social Services respectfully requests legislative approval to renew a subcontract with NYS-approved vendor, Brightside Up, Inc. to complete registration and inspection of all childcare providers in Albany County; conduct comprehensive evaluations and reviews of health and safety requirements, criminal history checks, child abuse and maltreatment checks, investigations of complaints against providers; and provide outreach to low income neighborhoods in order to network and continually develop the number of family daycare providers. Brightside Up also assists families in finding safe and qualified childcare, and provides training to providers and parents on topics such as early learning and development, and nutrition and physical activity.

The Brightside Up contract will be funded in the amount of \$292,983 with federal pass through funding provided by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services.

Sincerely,



Erin M. Stachewicz
Acting Commissioner

cc: Dennis A. Feeney, Majority Leader
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