

**Department for Children, Youth and Families Backup Material to Amend  
Resolution 2021-284 for Contractual Arrangement with the  
Albany County Department of Probation**

The Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) is requesting legislative authorization to amend resolution 2021-284 for the Interdepartmental agreement with the Albany County Department of Probation for the provision of prevention services and supervision and treatment services for juveniles. The term of the contract will be January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,213,126.30.

The Department received Legislative approval via Resolution 2021-284 to enter into an agreement with the Albany County Probation Department in the amount of \$1,116,458.54 for the period of January 1, 2022-December 31, 2022.

Subsequent to the approved resolution, through the approved 2022 Albany County's Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) plan (approved by State Department of Budget), there was an additional \$ 96,667.76 to provide Project Advance STSJP programming and services. As such, the total amount of the agreement between DCYF and Probation for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 is now \$1,213,126.30.

Project Advance is a restorative juvenile/criminal justice program designed to provide internship opportunities for juvenile delinquents and PINS youth some of which may need to make restitution payments to their victims. Youth will earn money, which will be used to pay off all or some of their restitution if owed, and also earn some additional income for their participation to prevent further progression into the Juvenile Justice system or, for adjudicated youth, as an alternative to placement.

The contract funding will be used to offset the salary and fringe benefit costs for Probation employees involved with the Project Advance program, as well as services in the Juvenile Community Accountability Board, PINS 18, Juvenile Release Under Supervision, and other programs all in an effort to reduce the likelihood of the youth's further penetration in the Juvenile Justice system.

There has been a historical relationship between these two County Departments as it relates to the provision of prevention services and supervision and treatment services for juveniles.