

## RESOLUTION NO. 362

### **AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS PROVIDERS REGARDING SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT**

Introduced: 9/11/23

By Social Services Committee:

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Family First Prevention Services Act was enacted, which has as its goal to reduce the number of children in congregate care, increase the number of kinship and foster care homes, and promote interventions that keep children safely at home with relatives or in the community whenever possible, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner of the Department for Children, Youth and Families has indicated that the aforementioned legislation requires that a child who is placed in a qualified residential treatment program must be assessed by a licensed clinician or qualified individual (QI) to determine the appropriate level of care within 30 days of the start of each placement in congregate care, and

WHEREAS, The Commissioner has requested authorization to enter into agreements with the following New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) approved QI providers for the facilitation of services associated with the Family First Prevention Services Act:

Berkshire Farm Center & Services for Youth, Canaan, NY 12029
LaSalle School, Albany, NY 12203
Northern Rivers Family of Services, Albany, NY 12208
St. Anne Institute, Albany, NY 12206
St. Catherine's Center for Children, Albany, NY 12203
JCCA Repair the World, Brooklyn, NY 11210
William George Agency, Marathon, NY 13803

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Albany County Legislature that the County Executive is authorized to enter into agreements with the aforementioned OCFS approved QI providers for the facilitation of services associated with the Family First Prevention Services Act in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 per provider, for a term commencing September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the County Attorney is authorized to approve said agreements as to form and content, and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the appropriate County Officials.