

## **Department for Children, Youth and Families**

### **Backup Material for Authorization of Funding Acceptance from the Office of Children and Family Services for the Gun Violence Prevention Program, to Amend the 2021 Adopted Budget, and Contract Authorization with Boys and Girls Club and House of Hoops**

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth, and Families (ACDCYF) respectfully requests Legislative authorization to accept \$115,000 of funding from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the Gun Violence Prevention Program, and to amend the 2022 adopted ACDCYF budget. ACDCYF also requests Contract Authorization with Boys and Girls Club (\$75,000) and House of Hoops (\$40,000). The funding is for the period of 9/1/21 - 3/30/22 with no County share.

The funding will be administered through the Youth Bureau and will support positive youth development activities that attract youth ages 14-21 at risk of being perpetrators and victims of gun violence in high-gun violence neighborhoods. Programs will include sports; visual and spoken word arts; neighborhood garden and park programs; music, theater, and dance programs; and community, restorative justice and civic engagement projects available at extended hours and on weekends—times when gun violence most often occurs.