

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Backup Material for Contract Authorization with Parsons Child and Family Center for the Participants Achieving Through Hard-work (PATH) Program, pertaining to the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juvenile Program (STSJP)

The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to contract with Parsons Child and Family Center for the Participants Achieving Through Hard-work (PATH) Program. The contract terms are for the period of January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 in the amount of \$261,324.

The PATH program has been approved by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) as part of Albany County's Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) plan for Program Year (PY) 2022-2023. The proposed contract includes two program components; \$100,000 for STSJP with 68% reimbursement and \$161,324 for STSJP Raise the Age (RTA) with 100% reimbursement to the county.

The PATH program was designed to provide enhanced case management services to the RTA population, while incorporating the use of community coaches/credible messengers/mentors. The goal of this program ultimately is to respond to each youth's individual needs, while maintaining them safely in the community, thereby reducing the need for Family Court Intervention for Intake/Diversion cases and for those youth already involved in Family Court, reducing the use of detention and out of home placement

NYS Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) provides funding to support local programming to divert youth safely from unnecessary detention and/or placement admissions. It is a key element of New York's juvenile justice reform efforts. STSJP funding is allocated to each locality by NYS OCFS to support programming for juvenile justice involved youth. The goal of this programming is to prevent out of home placement of youth, maintain them safely in their community, and when placement is needed, to safely expedite the reintegration of such youth back into the community.