

The Department for Children, Youth and Families
Justification for Contract Authorization Renewal with
Albany County Department of Probation

The Department for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) respectfully requests Legislative authorization to renew a contractual 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, 2021 – December 31, 2021 in an amount not to exceed \$1,099,606.26.

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. The contract funding will be used to offset the salary and fringe benefit costs for Probation employees as well as services for programs in the Juvenile Community Accountability Board (JCAB), PINS 18, the Parent Project, and Juvenile Release Under Supervision (JRUS) and Raise The Age (RTA) Services.

All of these programs mentioned above are an effort to reduce the likelihood of the youth's further penetration in the Juvenile Justice system. In calendar year 2019, JCAB had 34 total cases, 12 within Raise the Age; the Parent Project had 60 parents sign up and four classes were provided; JRUS had a total of 63 cases, 16 within Raise the Age; and PINS 18 served a total of 45 youth.