

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

### **Backup Material for Contract Authorization with the Schenectady County Public Health Services Children with Special Needs Program for Evaluation Team Services**

The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families respectfully request legislative authorization to renew a contractual arrangement with the County of Schenectady to provide Evaluation Team services to the Schenectady County Children with Special Needs program. The Term of this agreement is July 01, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Reimbursement under this agreement shall be at the applicable rates established or approved by the New York State Education Department.

Schenectady County does not have their own Children with Special Needs evaluation team and are interested in extending their agreement with Albany County for these services. The Early Intervention program evaluations will be provided under the currently enacted contract with the New York State Department of Health. The requested approval covers those evaluations provided under the Preschool Special Education program, serving children ages three to five years old who are approved by the school district Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE). The Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families Evaluation Team is an approved provider of service by both the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Education Department, to conduct both comprehensive and supplemental evaluations for early intervention and preschool services.

The contract revenue is anticipated in the current budget and the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families will utilize existing staff and resources within the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families budget to provide the services. Renewed contracting with Schenectady County for Preschool Evaluation Services would generate approximately \$5,000 in revenue for the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families while providing an additional service to a neighboring county.