

Department for Children, Youth and Families

Request for an Amendment to Resolution 243 of 2022, to extend a contractual agreement with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region to operate the Mobile Response Van

The Department respectfully requests Legislative authorization to amend Resolution 243, adopted July 11, 2022, to a three (3) month extension of the contract with Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region to operate the Mobile Response Van for the term January 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023.

The Department originally requested Legislative authorization to amend the 2022 budget to accept funding from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the operations of the Family First Mobile Response van in the amount of \$200,000. Trinity Alliance has been approved by OSC as a single source entity regarding the procurement for the Mobile Response Initiative. The initial contract with Trinity Alliance was to run from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

OCFS has approved to extend the contract period without additional costs, to terminate as of March 31, 2023

The mobile response van is staffed with a licensed clinician, a behavioral health specialist, a family and/or peer advocate, a service navigation specialist, or a domestic violence advocate. Services are available during both business hours and after hours. Services are available to be responsive to immediate needs such as at the time a placement occurs. Services will be available for ongoing needs for families identified as high risk and in receipt of preventive services. The mobile response van must respond to a request for assistance by going to the home where the child is residing or at a location in the community at a mutually agreed upon time. The mobile response unit must be able to be responsive when families call for help when a child is involved in an emotional or behavioral health need that could lead to a disruption in the home.

Mobile response units work with the parent or caregiver and child to reduce or de-escalate identified behaviors and may provide intervention services to address any immediate concerns identified as well as ongoing needs.