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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

February 26, 2025

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street  
Buffalo, NY 14202

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**Re: Mindful Awareness Programming Renewal**

Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization for the Sheriff and County Executive to renew an agreement with The Prevention Council of Erie County for Mindful Awareness Training.

Representatives of the Erie County Sheriff's Office will be made available upon request to answer any questions you may have.

Very Yours Truly,

John C. Garcia  
Sheriff of Erie County

Attachments

## MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
From: Erie County Sheriff's Office  
Re: Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative Renewal  
Date: February 26, 2025

### Summary of Recommended Action

The Erie County Sheriff's Office recommends renewing the agreement between Erie County and The Prevention Council of Erie County for Mindful Awareness Skill-Building Training within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility.

### Fiscal Implications of Proposal

Commissary funds will be used to pay for this program. As of January 31, 2025, the commissary account has a balance of \$712,979.58.

### Reasons for Recommendation

The Erie County Sheriff's Office wishes to continue offering mindful-awareness workshops to participants of Project Blue, which is successfully reducing recidivism in Erie County. These workshops will focus on the tools, techniques, and strategies that participants can develop for their post-release progression. Participants will learn how to enjoy simple moments and navigate challenges.

### Consequences of Negative Action

Failure to approve the contract renewal will result in the abatement of this programming.

### Steps Following Approval of Measure

Certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:**  
**ERIE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Re: Mindful Awareness Programming Renewal**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Erie County Sheriff's Office to provide quality public safety services to our community by promoting a safe environment through police and citizen interaction, with an emphasis on integrity, fairness and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office continues to offer community reintegration programming through Project Blue and other programs; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with Project Blue, the Sheriff's Office seeks to maintain its programming for participants; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office seeks to renew an agreement with The Prevention Council for Mindful Awareness Skill-Building Workshops; and

WHEREAS, the workshops will provide tools, techniques, and strategies on how to enjoy moments and navigate challenges; and

WHEREAS, the 6-week programming would be offered to Project Blue participants at the Erie County Holding Center and the Erie County Correctional Facility; and

WHEREAS, commissary funds will be used to pay for this programming

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature authorizes the Sheriff and County Executive to enter into an agreement with The Prevention Council of Erie County, 1625 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, New York, 14216 for Mindful Awareness Skill-Building workshops within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, the agreement is not to exceed \$4,995.00 and will expire on December 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, certified copies of the approved resolution shall be forwarded to the County Executive, County Attorney, County Comptroller, Division of Budget and Management, Division of Purchase and the Erie County Sheriff's Office.

FISCAL IMPACT: As Indicated