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## SHERIFF OF ERIE COUNTY

February 26, 2025

The Honorable  
Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin St.  
Buffalo, NY 14202

**Re: Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative Renewal**

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Honorable Members:

Attached, please find a proposed resolution and accompanying memorandum requesting authorization to renew the contract between Erie County and Buffalo Pre-Natal Perinatal Network Inc. to allow for Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative workshops within the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility.

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 extending the agreement between Erie County and the Buffalo Pre-Natal-Perinatal Network Inc. so that the Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative's Nurturing Fathers Program may be offered in 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$4,995.00.

### 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 has offered a six (6) week fatherhood program for incarcerated individuals at the Erie County Holding Center and Erie County Correctional Facility for the past three (3) years. There has been a high demand for this programming among the incarcerated population, necessitating the renewal of this contract.

### 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: Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative 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 and Buffalo Fatherhood Initiative of the Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network have been offering an evidence-based parenting education program called the "Nurturing Fathers Program;" and

WHEREAS, the Nurturing Fathers Program is a six (6) week program that offers fatherhood workshops for up to fifteen (15) participants and provides evidence-based parenting curriculum regarding fathering, self-nurturing, overcoming barriers to parenting, discipline and co-parenting; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to continue offering this program within the Erie County Sheriff's Office Jail Management Division; and

WHEREAS, two (2) sessions will be offered at a total cost not to exceed \$4,995.00; 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 agreement with the Buffalo Pre-Natal-Perinatal Network, Inc. 625 Delaware Ave., Suite 410, Buffalo, New York, 14202 to provide for two "Nurturing Fathers Program" sessions in 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, the amount of the agreement is not to exceed \$4,995.00; 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