



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 5, 2025

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Acceptance of State Aid for the Supervision and Treatment Services for
Juveniles Program (STSJP) Funding**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services – Youth Bureau is seeking approval to accept State Aid for the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in the amount of \$1,051,384 and to enter into contract with community providers to service eligible youth.

Should your Honorable Body require any further information, please contact Commissioner Karen Rybicki at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark C. Poloncarz", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Erie County Department of Social Services -Youth Bureau
Re: Acceptance of State Aid for the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) Funding
Date: September 5, 2025

SUMMARY

Legislative authorization is requested to accept \$1,051,384 in State Aid for the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funding from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) to enter into contract with community providers to service Youthful Offenders (YO), Adolescent Offenders (AO), Juvenile Offenders (JO), Juvenile Delinquents (JD), and Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) who enter the youth justice system, are remanded to detention, and/or are residentially placed.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The funding for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) is derived from 62% New York State Aid while funding for Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program Raise the Age (STSJP-RTA) is derived from 100% New York State Aid.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Erie County Department of Social Services, through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, has been awarded \$1,051,384 to provide additional Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) services. The Department of Social Services Youth Bureau seeks to enter into contract with community providers to provide services to Youthful Offenders (YO), Adolescent Offenders (AO), Juvenile Offenders (JO), Juvenile Delinquents (JD), and Persons in need of Supervision (PINS) who have entered the youth justice system, are remanded to detention, and/or are residentially placed. These services include Early Intervention, Alternatives to Detention Programming, linkages to Workforce Development, high school equivalency, and case management.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

We would be unable to provide necessary services to at risk youth in our County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Social Services – Youth Services Division will work with the Division of Budget and Management to amend the 2025 Adopted Budget and will then enter into contract with community providers to provide services to at risk youth.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Re: Acceptance of State Aid for the Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) Funding

WHEREAS, a grantmaking fund was created under Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for the purpose of providing annual awards to incentivize local programs to divert youth from detention and residential care; and

WHEREAS, these awards are designed to play a key role in transforming New York State's juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Social Services – Youth Bureau has been awarded \$1,051,384 by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) as Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funding to offer programming to at risk youth; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Social Services -Youth Bureau issued a Request for Proposal (RFP #2022-017VF) to interested parties; and

WHEREAS, recommendations were approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) in the annual STSFP and STSJP Raise the Age plans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and Deputy County Executive to accept New York State Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) funds for community providers to provide services to at risk youth and the 2025 Adopted Budget be amended as follows:

Department of Social Services
Fund 110, Funds Center 12530

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
408061	STSJP - RTA	\$ 423,841
408065	Yth-Supervision	<u>\$ 627,543</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,051,384</u>

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
502000	Fringe Benefits	(\$ 31,787)
517802	STSJP – RTA	\$ 386,796
517879	Supervision/Treatment	<u>\$ 696,375</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$1,051,384</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with community providers to service at risk youth in Erie County at an amount not to exceed \$1,083,171; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services, and Division of Budget and Management.

RFP 2022-017VF	2024-25	2025-26 Allocation
Agency Name	Amount Awarded	Suggested Distribution
STSJP		
Together for Youth (formerly Berkshire Farms)	\$201,715	\$201,715
Youth Advocates	\$172,000	\$172,000
New Directions Youth and Family Services	\$135,710	\$135,710
Baker Hall dba OLV Human Services	\$186,950	\$186,950
TOTAL	\$696,375	\$696,375
STSJP-RTA		
Together for Youth (formerly Berkshire Farms)	\$101,715	\$101,715
Youth Advocates	\$109,371	\$109,371
New Directions Youth and Family Services	\$35,710	\$35,710
Buffalo Urban League	\$56,000	\$56,000
Matt Urban	\$84,000	\$84,000
TOTAL	\$386,796	\$386,796