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DATE: October 26, 2010

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Mary Kate Cabaleiro, Coordinator  
Westchester County Youth Bureau

RE: Authority to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. to operate the Young Parents Achieve II program, for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000

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Authority is hereby requested for the County of Westchester (the "County") to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. ("WJCS"), pursuant to which WJCS will operate the Young Parents II Achieve Program (the "Program"), for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000, pursuant to an approved budget.

To fund the Agreement, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services will provide an amount not to exceed \$75,000 and WJCS will provide an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

The proposed agreement will serve a public purpose by facilitating the provision of intensive case management to 40 pregnant and parenting adolescents in the County, specifically including the communities of White Plains, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, New Rochelle and Ossining, in order to help prevent them from dropping out of school and to support utilization of pre- and post-natal medical services. Secondary populations served through this program will include the offspring of parenting teens and participants of community forums.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are:

To provide intensive case management to 40 pregnant and parenting adolescents.

- 80% of the pregnant and parenting youth participating in the Program and engaged in education (high school, GED, ESL) will continue/return to and complete school, GED or ESL
- 90% of the pregnant and parenting youth will not have a second pregnancy while engaged in the program
- 100% of the pregnant and parenting youth engaged in the program will not be subject to any Child Protective Services allegation of abuse and/or neglect
- 100% of the Peer Educators participating in the program will develop one or more of the following skills: leadership skills, public speaking and/or presentation skills, knowledge base of pregnancy prevention methods/ tools and advocacy skills

In addition, Peer Educators will be trained to provide culturally competent pregnancy prevention through education, leadership, and skill building in schools and larger community forums.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement are in the best interests of the County in terms of public health, as the Program is assuring that the babies born to these teen mothers will have all their immunizations and the mothers and babies will have pre- and post-natal care.

The goals and objectives of the proposed agreement will be tracked and monitored through monthly, quarterly and annual reports, Report Cards and with bi-yearly site visits from Youth Bureau Program Monitors.

The total program cost for WJCS is \$226,923. This 2010 agreement will cover \$150,000 of that cost (\$75,000 provided by NYSOCFS and \$75,000 provided by the agency). The other funding for the remaining \$76,923 program balance is provided through Invest in Kids and the agency (\$50,000 provided by IIK and \$26,923 through the agency under a separate contract) to serve a total of 189 youth.

In 2009 the total program cost was \$226,923. The Youth Bureau had 2 separate contracts in 2009 as well. The 2009 OCFS contract covered \$120,000 of that cost (\$60,000 provided by NYSOCFS and \$60,000 provided by the agency). The funding for the remaining \$106,923 program balance was provided in part through Invest in Kids and the agency (\$50,000 provided through IIK with the required match of \$26,923) under the separate contract. WJCS also had to provide \$30,000 to cover the costs of providing the program to the overall 189 youth served.

In providing the additional funding for 2010 through the OCFS contract, WJCS was absolved of the \$30,000 which they had to use to serve the total 189 youth. They can now use that funding to provide other positive youth development programming for youth.

Your Honorable Board authorized a similar agreement in 2009, and the Program's outcomes achieved its goals and objectives, as follows:

2009 # goal to be served: 40  
2009 # actually served: 46 (of the 46 youth served under the Program, 34 were pregnant and parenting teens and 12 were peer educators)

*Outcome 1:* 80% of YPA students will successfully complete their high school education and / or pass their GED following the birth of their child.

*Outcome 1 Result:* 81% of YPA students successfully completed their high school education and / or passed their GED following the birth of their child. Note: If we include the peer educators in this number the graduation rate would be over 91%.

*Outcome 2:* 100% of YPA youth will not have a second pregnancy before high school graduation

*Outcome 2 Result:* 95% of YPA youth did not have a repeat pregnancy. Of the repeat pregnancies, most were from the New Rochelle site and not engaged in school. The majority of the population served in New Rochelle were recent immigrants, tended to be older, 19 – 20 years of age, and often entered the program with one child. The low repeat pregnancy rate of 5% is largely accounted for by the New Rochelle site. (Note: this number does not include the 12 peers served, none of whom had a first pregnancy.)

*Outcome 3:* 100% of YPA youth will not be subject to any CPS allegation of abuse / neglect.

*Outcome 3 Result:* 99% of YPA youth were not subject to any CPS allegation of abuse / neglect.

Compared with national data that indicates that 25% of girls who have a baby before age 21 have a second child within two years (which increases their risk of chronic poverty), data from the

Program indicates that the rate of second pregnancy within two years is *less than 1%*. In addition, nationally only 63% of teen mothers who give birth before the age of 18 graduate from high school or get their GED; the Program's graduation rate has, historically, been between 86% - 94%, and has been 100% some years.

In 2008, the Youth Bureau issued an RFP for these services to cover the program years 2009 – 2011. WJCS was one of 94 agencies that submitted a proposal in response to the RFP, and WJCS was one of the contractors selected by the Youth Bureau. However, due to the precariousness of the funding stream from the State, the Youth Bureau deemed it appropriate to enter into only a one year contract with this agency, as opposed to a three-year contract as stated in the above mentioned RFP. Accordingly, this new Agreement is being proposed based upon the RFP, but the procurement is not being done pursuant to the RFP. Rather, this Agreement exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy pursuant to section 3(a)xviii thereof.

An appropriate Resolution is herewith attached for your Honorable Board's consideration.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 11-18-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

**RESOLUTION**

Upon a communication from the Coordinator of the Westchester County Youth Bureau, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester (the “County”) is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Westchester Jewish Community Services, Inc. (“WJCS”), pursuant to which WJCS will operate the Young Parents Achieve II program, for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, for a total amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars, pursuant to an approved budget (the “Agreement”); and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Agreement is also subject to further financial analysis of the impact of any New York State Budget (the “State Budget”) proposed and adopted during the term of this Agreements. The County shall retain the right, upon the occurrence of any release by the Governor of a proposed State Budget and/or the adoption of a State Budget or any amendments thereto, and for a reasonable period of time after such release(s) or adoption (s), to conduct an analysis of the impacts of any such State Budget on County finances. After such analysis, the County shall retain the right to either terminate this Agreement or to renegotiate the amounts and rates approved herein. If the County subsequently offers to pay a reduced amount to the Contractor, then that Contractor shall have the right to terminate their Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his duly authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited:

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub Object	Trust Account	Dollars
263	T1	188K	4380	T188	\$75,000

Budget Funding Year(s)  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 01/01/2010

End Date: 12/31/2010

Funding Source:

Tax Dollars	<u>\$-0-</u>
State Aid	<u>\$75,000</u>
Federal Aid	<u></u>
Other	<u>\$75,000</u>

\$150,000  
(must match resolution)

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