

**Robert P. Astorino**  
County Executive

Department of Social Services

Kevin P. Mahon  
Commissioner

Date: April 27, 2010

To: The Board of Acquisition and Contract

From: Kevin P. Mahon  
Commissioner of Social Services

Re: **Authority to amend a Resolution approved on April 1, 2010 authorizing the County of Westchester to amend/enter into agreements with licensed and approved voluntary child care agencies and educational providers for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Adoption Services and Educational Services for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in order to change the name of one (1) agency.**

---

Through a Resolution approved on April 1, 2010, your Honorable Board authorized the County of Westchester, by and through its Department of Social Services, to amend/enter into agreements with licensed and approved voluntary Child Care agencies for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Adoption Services and, with the Educational Providers, for the provision of educational services for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$42,384,151.

Authority is now being requested to amend the resolution approved April 1, 2010 in order to change the name of one (1) agency listed below:

**Change From: The McQuade Foundation**

**Change To: Occupations, Inc.**

**The public purpose of the proposed agreement** is to achieve the safety, well being and permanency of children placed in foster care by equipping the Department with an adequate supply of institutional/group foster care facilities and adoption and educational services providers.

**The goals and objectives of this program are** to provide foster care settings which best meet the needs of the children placed, while providing permanency planning as well as adoption and educational services.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of safety & security because** Westchester County children have been temporarily removed from their families and placed in the temporary care and custody of the Commissioner of Social Services for their safety and well being. This contract is considered a support mechanism for our “at risk” families and for children who cannot remain in the community.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of health & environment because these providers** are licensed by the State to provide specialized services to safely care for youth who have been abused or neglected and cannot be cared for in a family foster home setting. The program also provides services to youth who have been adjudicated Juvenile Delinquent (“JD”) or Persons In Need of Supervision (“PINS”). These services provide structured environments to keep the children off the street and promote the health and safety of the children. They also address and reduce the community issues of juvenile delinquency, school truancy and child substance abuse. This program helps promote a healthy community. Medical needs are being provided at each individual facility. Emotional health issues can also be addressed at each individual facility.

**The goals and objectives are in the best interests of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility because** the Department is adhering to the rates that are set and approved by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. The state reviews and adjusts rates at least once a year to come up with rates that are most cost effective. The Department enters into contracts with different vendors that provide a myriad of services necessary to care for children at various levels of need such as Agency Board Home, Foster Boarding Homes, Group Homes, Group Residences and Institutions.

**The negative consequences of not entering into these contracts would be** that the children and their families would continue to be at risk of negative and potentially harmful influences within the community. These children have been temporarily removed from their families and placed in the temporary care of the Commissioner. Services are mandated and the child must be cared for. Without these contracts, we would not be able to care for youth who require a higher level of care than can be met by the Department’s foster parents. If it were not for these contracts, these children would be at risk of harm or not have safe, appropriate placements.

**The goals and objectives of this contract will be tracked and monitored** using the performance measurement indicators developed by the department and approved by the County Budget Office. The program office will be responsible for setting the milestones and tracking their achievements.

**The results of the previous performance measurement indicators** indicate that based upon close monitoring guidelines and performance, Westchester County has declined to participate with five (5) agencies for the 2010-11 contract year.

Except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the original resolution approved on April 1, 2010 shall remain the same.

The Amendment is to the Resolution as the contract with this agency has not been executed.

Your Honorable Board's approval of the attached resolution is respectfully requested.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 5-13-2010 - JOMARY VIEIRA, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

Upon a communication from the Commissioner of the Department of Social Services, be it hereby

**RESOLVED**, that the Resolution approved by your Honorable Board on April 1, 2010 authorizing the County of Westchester to amend/enter into agreements with licensed and approved voluntary Child Care agencies for the provision of institutional/group Foster Care, Adoption Services and, with the Educational Providers for the provision of educational services for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$42,384,151 is hereby amended in order to change the name of the entity listed below:

**Change From: The McQuade Foundation**

**Change To: Occupations, Inc.**

and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that except as specifically amended hereby, all other terms and conditions of the resolution approved on April 1, 2010 shall remain the same; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive or his authorized designee is empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Amount of the Original Resolution:

Account to be  
Charged/Credited

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase or Unit	Object/Sub-Object	Dollars
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Budget Funding Year(s): N/A Start Date: N/A End Date: N/A  
(Must match resolution)

Funding Source

**\$N/A**  
(Must match resolution)

Tax Dollars: N/A  
State Aid: N/A  
Federal Aid: N/A  
Other \_\_\_\_\_