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To: Board of Acquisition and Contract

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Subject: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc., for the provision of Intensive Parent Aide Services for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$202,909 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation

Authority is requested for the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc. to provide Intensive Parent Aide Services for families with children at risk of foster care placement. Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc. has provided this service for the past several years. The proposed contract, in an amount not to exceed \$202,909, shall commence on January 1, 2011 and be completed no later than December 31, 2011. Payments shall be made on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation. The contract amount requested reflects a 10% decrease from the 2010 budget amount. These savings were mostly achieved from decreases in personnel, fringe and other than personnel costs. There is no programmatic or service impact on the families and children to be served.

The program provided pursuant to this agreement serves a **public purpose** in that it preserves the family, reduces the risk of abuse, neglect and/or need for foster care placement as families are better equipped to understand and handle child behaviors.

The **goals and objectives** of this contract are to provide preventive services to families at risk of foster care placement. In the short-term, in home services are provided by a trained parent aide to develop a family specific service plan directly related to the parent's ability to manage their household and parent their children. Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc.

will provide a comprehensive array of in-home services by trained Parent Aides. Services provided to children and parents under this contract will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Parenting skills education
- Teaching alternate methods of non-violent discipline
- Role-modeling appropriate communication
- Supporting educational success
- Addressing educational neglect
- Stress and anger management education

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety** because the services provided through this contract enhance parental child-rearing abilities by empowering parents, strengthening families and increasing the stability of families thereby reducing the risk of abuse, neglect and /or need for foster care placements.

The **goals and objectives are in the best interest of the County in terms of fiscal responsibility** as the Department will be able to avert the need for foster care placements and the costs associated with such placements. Preventing children from entering the foster care system can result in substantial savings for the County and the taxpayers.

- **Family Foster Care cost annualized per child.** The cost of foster care in a family foster setting can range from \$17.10 to \$58.65 per day per child depending on the age and level of care provided. That translates into an annualized foster care cost from **\$6,241.50 to \$21,407.25 per child per year.**
- **Residential Foster Care cost annualized per child.** The cost of residential foster care costs can range from \$199.60 to \$446.78 per day per child. That translates into an annualized cost for residential care from **\$72,854.00 to \$163,074.70 per child per year.**
- **Contract program cost annualized per child.** Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc. annualized program cost is \$202,909. As of October 2010 for the 2010 contract year, the program has provided services to 162 children. At this current rate of service, the per child cost for the contract year projects to be **\$1,252.52 per child.**

The **goals and objectives as stated in the resolution will be tracked and monitored** to evaluate success using the Performance Measurement Indicators developed by the Department and approved by the County Budget Office. They include, but are not limited to, reviewing of periodic reports submitted by the vendor and making onsite visits.

Based on the statistics received as of October 31, 2010, the Department is able to report that the vendor is meeting targets and outcomes as stipulated by the contract and is on track to serving 100% contract capacity. To date, the Program has served 162 children and has averted 100% foster care placements. As of October 31, 2010, the program reported that 100% of the children served did not become the subject of an indicated CPS report while receiving services.

This contract is exempt from the Westchester County Procurement Policy under Section 3(a) xviii. Accordingly, the County of Westchester is hereby requesting permission to enter into this agreement with Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc. as described above.

A resolution requesting the same is attached for your Honorable Board's approval.

## RESOLUTION

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

**RESOLVED**, that the County of Westchester is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of NY, Inc. for the provision of Intensive Parent Aide Services for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in an amount not to exceed \$202,909 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Contract is subject to County Appropriation; 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 Agreement. 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 the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon reasonable prior written notice; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents and to take all actions necessary and appropriate on behalf of the County of Westchester to effectuate the purposes hereof.

Account to be Charged/Credited

2011

Fund	Dept	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub-Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5960	-----	\$202,909

Budget Funding Year(s) 2011  
(must match resolution)

Start Date: 1/1/2011 End Date: 12/31/2011

Funding Source

Tax Dollars: 41%  
State Aid: 36%  
Federal Aid: 23%  
Other:

\$202,909

(must match resolution)