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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

September 17, 2012

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Youth Bureau
Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives Coordinator

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services requests authority to add the position of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Coordinator in the Youth Bureau. The position will be funded from a State share allocation for Supervised Treatment Services for Juveniles Program, and the local share will be provided by a transfer of funds from the Erie County Department of Mental Health. There is no additional 2012 fiscal impact from this resolution.

JDAI was developed in response to national trends reflecting a drastic increase in the use of secure detention for juveniles, despite decreasing juvenile arrests, and the resulting overcrowding of youth detention centers nationwide. The goal of this systems-change initiative is to create more effective and efficient processes surrounding the use of detention, and by so doing, to reduce detention populations while ensuring public safety and court appearance rates.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/bb
Enclosure

cc: Carol Dankert, Department of Social Services

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services
Re: Youth Bureau Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives Coordinator
Date: September 7, 2012

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services requests authority to add the position of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Coordinator in the Youth Bureau.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The position will be funded from a State share allocation for Supervised Treatment Services for Juveniles Program, and the local share will be provided by a transfer of funds from the Erie County Department of Mental Health. There is no additional fiscal impact to this resolution.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The goal of this systems-change initiative is to create more effective and efficient processes surrounding the use of detention, and by so doing, to reduce detention populations while ensuring public safety and court appearance rates.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

JDAI was developed in response to national trends reflecting a drastic increase in the use of secure detention for juveniles, despite decreasing juvenile arrests, and the resulting overcrowding of youth detention centers nationwide.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Sufficient participation in this important initiative would be lacking.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Personnel, Division of Budget and Management and the Department of Social Services will conduct the necessary personnel and budgetary adjustments to recruit and hire for the position.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

RE: Youth Bureau - Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives Coordinator

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services requests authority to add the position of Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI) Coordinator in the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this systems-change initiative is to create more effective and efficient processes surrounding the use of detention, and by so doing, to reduce detention populations while ensuring public safety and court appearance rates; and

WHEREAS, JDAI was developed in response to national trends reflecting a drastic increase in the use of secure detention for juveniles, despite decreasing juvenile arrests, and the resulting overcrowding of youth detention centers nationwide; and

WHEREAS, this position will be funded from a State share allocation for Supervised Treatment Services for Juveniles Program, and the local share will be provided by a transfer of funds from the Erie County Department of Mental Health, and there is no additional fiscal impact to this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the following position is added to the Division of Youth Services:

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives Coordinator (B-100 number 6973) — JG 13 step 5

with authorization granted to hire at variable minimum step 5 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2012 Adopted Budget for the balance of the current budget year:

Division of Youth Services, Fund Center 12530

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE/ (DECREASE
Expense		
500000	Personal Services	$16,220
502000	Fringe	10,219
912530	ID Youth Bureau Services	(10,047)
	Total Expenditure	$16,392

Revenue

408065	Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program	$16,392
	Total Revenue	$16,392

Department of Mental Health, Fund Center 12410

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
Expense		
516010	Contract Payment Not Profit Purchase	($10,047)
912530	ID Youth Bureau Services	10,047
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and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Personnel, Division of Budget and Management and Department of Social Services are authorized to conduct the necessary personnel and fiscal adjustments for this position; and be it further

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