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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

May 21, 2012

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

RE: Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Rainbow Preschool

Dear Honorable Members:

The purpose of this resolution is to enter into a contract with Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County for Preschool Tuition Based Services.

According to the New York State Education Department, if a Committee on Preschool Special Education places a child in a NYS Education Department approved program, there must be a contract. Funds are available in the Children with Special Needs Division budget Account 528000 Services to Handicapped Children.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Health Department. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Poloncarz
Erie County Executive

Enclosure

cc: Gale R. Burstein, MD, MPH, FAAP, Erie County Health Department

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to Contract with Rainbow Preschool
Date: May 18, 2012

SUMMARY

The Department of Health is requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County to provide Preschool Tuition Based Services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Funds are available in the Children with Special Needs Division's 2012 budget in Account 528000 Services to Handicapped Children. The cost per child, depending on need is between $35,000-$60,000 per year for these services.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

According to the New York State Education Department, if a Committee on Preschool Special Education places a child in a NYS Education Department approved program, there must be a contract.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Alden School District's Committee on Preschool Education has placed a child in the Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County Program.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The County would be in violation of the State Law.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Department of Health will follow the appropriate steps necessary to enter into the contract.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

RE: Authorization to Contract with Rainbow Preschool

WHEREAS, the Erie County Department of Health's Children with Special Needs Division currently contracts with several tuition based programs; and

WHEREAS, according to the New York State Education Department, if a Committee on Preschool Special Education places a child in a NYS Education Department approved program, the county must contact with that program at rates fixed by the NYS Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Alden School District Committee on Preschool Special Education has placed a child from Erie County in the Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County for Preschool Tuition Based Services; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County for Preschool Tuition Based Services is a NYS Education Department approved program; and

WHEREAS, the Children with Special Needs Division must therefore enter into a contract with Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County for Preschool Tuition Based Services; and

WHEREAS, estimated annual costs per child for such services average between $35,000 and $60,000 depending on the child's needs; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the Department of Health's Persons with Special Needs Division, Account 528000 Services to Handicapped Children,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Rainbow Preschool Arc of Orleans County; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the term of this contract shall commence on May 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 with funds coming from Account 528000 in Fund Center 12750; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Law, and to Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Commissioner of Health.