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COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 31, 2016

Erie County Legislature  
92 Franklin Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Youth Bureau Additional Programming**

Dear Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization to increase budgets and enter into contract with various community agencies to provide services for youth.

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development have approved an additional \$49,793 in Runaway and Homeless Youth. Funding will be appropriated for the United Church Home Plymouth Crossroads program which provides services for homeless and runaway youth.

In addition, Youth Services wishes to amend an existing contract with the Chef Bobby F-Bites Program to provide culinary arts instruction, mentorship and character development workshops to the residents of the Detention Facility.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Ben Hilligas at the Erie County Youth Bureau. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark C. Poloncarz", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.

Erie County Executive

MCP/lb  
Enclosure

cc:

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature  
**From:** Erie County Youth Services  
**Re:** Youth Bureau Additional Programming  
**Date:** 8/31/16

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### **SUMMARY**

The NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development have approved an additional \$49,793 in Runaway and Homeless Youth. Funding will be appropriated for the United Church Home Plymouth Crossroads program which provides services for homeless and runaway youth.

In addition, the Youth Services wishes to amend an existing contract with the Chef Bobby F-Bites Program to provide culinary arts instruction, mentorship and character development workshops to the residents of the Detention Facility.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No additional county dollars are required. \$49,793 will be provided by the NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development for the homeless and runaway youth programs. The Youth Detention budget currently has an available balance of \$5,000 in their professional services account to fund the "F-Bites" program.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

The Division of Youth Services and the Youth Bureau work to encourage the use of community agencies to help successfully integrate youth into our community. Youth Services Division seeks to provide quality youth development programming to detained youth in order to decrease negative behaviors and promote pro-social, positive decision making.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

For 2016 The NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) Bureau of Youth Development (BYD) has approved an additional \$49,793 in Runaway and Homeless Youth Act funds for Homeless and Runaway Youth (RHY) and Transitional Independent Living Programs (TILP) in Erie County. The agency identified to receive this additional funding is United Church Homes Plymouth Crossroads. Plymouth Crossroads is a transitional independent living program for males ages 16-21 in Erie County and has a total of 8 beds. These allocations are 100% reimbursable by NYS. This is a onetime addition for 2016.

Chef Bobby Anderson provided his F-Bites Culinary Arts and Mentorship Program at the Erie County Secure Youth Detention Facility during the summer of 2016. The program will end on September 2, 2016. Youth Services would like to continue this program for the remainder of the

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calendar year. The program is well received by residents and staff and is reported to have helped to reduce negative behaviors in the youth residing at the facility.

### **CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION**

Agencies will not receive additional funding to provide services to youth.

### **STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL**

Contracts and/or contract amendments reflecting the additional funds will be executed for each agency.

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## A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

RE: Youth Bureau Additional Programming

WHEREAS, the NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development have approved an additional \$49,793 in Runaway and Homeless Youth funds for Homeless and Runaway Youth and Transitional Independent Living Programs in Erie County, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Services Division wishes to contract with the Chef Bobby F-Bites Program to provide culinary arts instruction, mentorship and character development workshops to the residents of the Detention Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into and or amend existing contracts in order to provide additional youth programs and services though the NYS Office of Children and Family Services Bureau of Youth Development funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust the 2015 Budget of the Youth Bureau as follows:

### **Fund Center 12530 – Youth Bureau**

<b>Revenue</b>		<b>Increase</b>
408060	Homeless Reimbursement	\$49,793
<b>Expense</b>		
517653	Homeless Reimbursement	
	Plymouth Crossroads	\$49,793
	Net Change	-0-

and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized to enter into contract with the Chef Bobby Anderson F-Bites Culinary Arts and Mentorship Program to the residents of the Detention Facility in the amount of \$5,000, funding being available in account 516020, professional services and contracts, of the Youth Services Division, and be it further

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RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Social Services, and the Division of Youth Services.