



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

October 15, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Catholic Charities
Say YES to Education**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services is to receive a cash donation of \$66,500 from Say Yes to Education for the provision of Mandated Preventive Services. This funding is to be used to establish a new contract with Catholic Charities. There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the private cash donation from Say Yes to Education. The donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$108,500; therefore, this resolution requests authorization to increase the current year budget and establish a new contract with Catholic Charities in the amount of \$175,000.

This new program derives from the public private partnership between the Say Yes to Education Buffalo organization, the Buffalo Public Schools, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, higher education partners and local foundations. ECDSS has traditionally provided Mandated Preventive Services to children and families identified to be at risk of removal from the home and entry into the Foster Care System. Catholic Charities is a longstanding provider of qualified Mandated Preventive Services in Erie County as well as an established provider with Say Yes to Education, Inc. – Buffalo in the efforts to increase engagement of high risk children and their families.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact Carol Dankert-Maurer at the Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/cs
Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Social Services
Re: Catholic Charities - Say YES to Education
Date: October 10, 2013

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services is to receive a cash donation of \$66,500 from Say Yes to Education for the provision of Mandated Preventive Services, and this funding is to be used to establish a new contract with Catholic Charities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the private cash donation from Say Yes to Education.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Social Services is to receive a cash donation of \$66,500 from Say Yes to Education for the provision of Mandated Preventive Services. These Mandated Preventive Services will identify at risk children from the school base and align intervention with children and their families while allowing greater frequency of access and monitoring to promote ongoing safety and risk assessment.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ECDSS has traditionally provided Mandated Preventive Services to children and families identified to be at risk of removal from the home and entry into the Foster Care System. This new program derives from the public private partnership between the Say Yes to Education Buffalo organization, the Buffalo Public Schools, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, higher education partners and local foundations. Catholic Charities is a longstanding provider of qualified Mandated Preventive Services in Erie County as well as an established provider with Say Yes to Education, Inc. – Buffalo in the efforts to increase engagement of high risk children and their families.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

This important initiative would be delayed.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Contracts will be executed and services will commence.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
SOCIAL SERVICES**

**RE: Catholic Charities
Say YES to Education**

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services is to receive a cash donation of \$66,500 from Say Yes to Education for the provision of Mandated Preventive Services, and this funding is to be used to establish a new contract with Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, the donated funds will be used to draw down additional State share funding in the amount of \$108,500; therefore, this resolution requests authorization to increase the current year budget and contract amount with Catholic Charities by \$175,000; and

WHEREAS, ECDSS has traditionally provided Mandated Preventive Services to children and families identified to be at risk of removal from the home and entry into the Foster Care System; and

WHEREAS, this new program derives from the public private partnership between the Say Yes to Education Buffalo organization, the Buffalo Public Schools, Erie County, the City of Buffalo, higher education partners and local foundations; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Charities is a longstanding provider of qualified Mandated Preventive Services in Erie County as well as an established provider with Say Yes to Education, Inc. – Buffalo in the efforts to increase engagement of high risk children and their families; and

WHEREAS, these Mandated Preventive Services will identify at risk children from the school base and align intervention with these children and their families while allowing greater frequency of access and monitoring to promote ongoing safety and risk assessment; and

WHEREAS, there is no fiscal impact to this resolution as the local share is to be offset by the private cash donation from Say Yes to Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following budget amendments are hereby authorized in the 2013 Adopted Budget:

Department of Social Services, Department 120, Fund 110

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>
516400	Catholic Charities – Say Yes to Education	<u>\$175,000</u>
	Total Expenditure	<u>\$175,000</u>
418430	Donated Funds	\$66,500
407680	State Aid Services for Recipients	<u>108,500</u>
	Total Revenue	<u>\$175,000</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and the Commissioner of Social Services are authorized receive the cash contribution from Say Yes to Education – Buffalo and to execute necessary contracts and agreements for this program, and be it further

RESOLVED, due to the need to fund this program with an important existing provider agency, the requirement for Request for Proposals is waived, and be it further

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