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Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

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DATE: November 24, 2024

TO: Honorable Members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract

FROM: Leonard G. Townes, Commissioner  
Department of Social Services

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. pursuant to which it will provide Andrus Parenting Services for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$474,594.

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Authorization is requested for the County of Westchester ("County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("the Department"), to enter into an agreement (DSS6019-25; the "Agreement") with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. ("JDAM"), pursuant to which JDAM will provide Andrus Parenting Services ("APS") for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 for an amount not to exceed \$474,594 to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget and subject to appropriation.

The services to be provided pursuant to this agreement will serve a public purpose by preserving the family, reducing risk of abuse, neglect and/or need for foster care placement as families will be better equipped to understand and handle child behaviors.

The goals and objectives of this agreement will be to provide preventative services to families with children at risk of foster care placement. Trained Parent Aides will provide in-home family support services designed to strengthen parenting skills which will alleviate and/or prevent stress-induced family situations that may result in incidents of child abuse and neglect, family violence, foster care placement, PINS (Persons in Need of Supervision) petitions, and/or truancy. Services provided to children and parents under this agreement will include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Parenting skills education.
- Home and finance management.
- Behavior management techniques.
- Nutrition.

- Conflict resolution.
- Teaching alternative methods of non-violent discipline.
- Establishing routines.
- Understanding child developmental stages.
- Accessing well-childcare, social services and community resources

APS utilizes the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, Level 4 Standard Triple P as the primary curriculum for ongoing work with the children and families in their homes. Level 4 is an intensive ten-session individual parent training program for parents of children with behavioral difficulties. Level-4 Standard Triple P is listed as promising on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearing House. It is created to foster practical parenting skills and create healthy family environments. Triple P is designed to prevent and treat behavioral and emotional challenges in children and teenagers while building parenting efficacy to manage family issues. Triple P aims to support parents to promote their child's social, emotional, and behavioral development. Triple P enhances parents' self-sufficiency and self-efficacy in managing their children's behavior. The model teaches parents skills for promoting their children's development, social competence, and self-control.

The goals and objectives of this Agreement are in the best interest of the County in terms of public health and safety because the services provided through this agreement will 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 of this agreement 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 will result in substantial savings for the County. This program will provide services to 66 families during the term of the agreement.

The goals and objectives will be tracked and monitored using performance measurement indicators developed by the Department. They include, but are not limited to, the review of periodic reports submitted by JDAM and onsite visits.

Based on the Performance Measurement Indicators, the Department can report that from January 1, 2024, through September 30, 2024, JDAM, has provided services to 40 Unduplicated families and 81 children year-to-date. During this time, 100% of the families served demonstrated positive parent-child attachment. Additionally, JDAM has entered 100% of progress notes within 5 business days. JDAM is one of the Evidence-Based programs with the highest referrals due to their parenting training model of Triple P.

The procurement of this agreement is exempt from the application of the Westchester County Procurement Policy and Procedures pursuant to Section 3(a) xviii thereof, which

exempts contracts which support the well-being of children and youth in Westchester County.

It should be noted that this agreement is not subject to the competitive procurement requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (formerly, the Grants Management Common Rule) as the federal funding for this program falls under Social Services Block Grant.

Accordingly, the County is hereby requesting authority to enter into an agreement with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. for the aforesaid purpose.

An appropriate resolution requesting your Honorable Board's approval is attached herewith.

APPROVED BOARD OF ACQUISITION & CONTRACT - 12/12/2024 - RAYMOND SULKY, SECRETARY

## RESOLUTION

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

RESOLVED, that the County of Westchester (the "County"), acting by and through its Department of Social Services ("Department"), is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement (DSS6019-25) with Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. ("JDAM"), pursuant to which JDAM will provide Andrus Parenting Services for families with children at risk of foster care placement, for the period from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$474,594, to be paid on a monthly basis pursuant to an approved budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement is subject to County appropriations; 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 authorized designee is hereby authorized to take such action and execute such documents as may be necessary and proper to effectuate the purposes hereof.

**1. Account to be Charged/Credited:**

Fund	Dept.	Major Program, Program & Phase Or Unit	Object/ Sub- Object	Trust Account	Dollars
101	22	8900	5960		\$474,594

**2. Budget Funding Year(s):** 2025

Start Date: January 1, 2025 End Date: December 31, 2025

(Must match resolution)

**3. Funding Source:**

Federal	35%	CFDA#(s)	93.556		
State	30%	State ID#(s)	N/A		
Operating/ Tax Levy	35%				
Capital	N/A				

**4. Total NTE:** \$474,594

(Must match resolution)

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RAYMOND SCULKY, SECRETARY