

RE: Senate Finance Committee—FY 2027 Budget Article 8—References to Family Care and Community Partnership

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Dear Chairman DiPalma, Vice Chairs Ciccone and Felag, Secretary Acosta and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

We write this letter to recommend clarifying language in this year's Budget Article 8, specifically the newly-inserted Section 5, addressing the Family Care and Community Partnership program (FCCP).

The FCCP program has proven to be a very successful child abuse and child neglect prevention program funded through DCYF. Numerous DCYF studies have shown that this program has prevented formal involvement with DCYF's child and family well-being system. It has also proven successful at preventing deeper involvement when working with families already involved with DCYF. For over 10 years, between 91-95% of families served through FCCP's were diverted from DCYF's involvement.¹

We highlight this fact, as we are confused why the proposed language in Section 5 is inserted in a section detailing regulations pertaining to Medicaid. We recognize that some aspects of FCCP's services are likely reimbursable costs through Medicaid, and if the intent of the proposed language being inserted is to help facilitate Medicaid and maintain the program structure, we support the inclusion. However, some ambiguity in the proposed language may lead to future, unintended problems. Specifically:

(Page 22, line 19) "...specific, community-based prevention service" should be replaced by "specific, community-based **child abuse and neglect** prevention service" to avoid any confusion that FCCP's are intended for any other purpose, including broader children's behavioral health programming.

A second possible areas of confusion is:

(Page 22, line 22) "Exactly one FCCP shall be permitted to operate in each region...." should be replaced by " Exactly one FCCP **Lead Agency** shall be permitted to operate in each region..." This language modification will allow the FCCP Lead Agencies that hold contracts with DCYF to continue their current practice of sub-contracting and partnering with local community organizations in their assigned regions to deliver locally-based, accessible services to those families.

¹ Ongoing DCYF "Active Contract Management" presentations

Thank you for considering these suggested changes to the proposed language inserted in the Budget Article. Our suggestions are intended to help prevent any unintended 'mission drift' in a very successful child abuse and neglect prevention service—now or in the future!

Sincerely,

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