

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A POSITIVE YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT & PRIMARY PREVENTION SYSTEM

1. Uphold the State's formula driven youth funding appropriations, as outlined in Executive Law 410 Article 19a, (and RHYA) to maintain effective youth development and primary prevention services which ensure that all counties, cities, towns and villages have the opportunity to lower residential placements and child protective rates;
2. DO NOT ACCEPT THE PROPOSED PRIMARY PREVENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (PPIP). Ensure that all counties receive equitable funding and competition is defined locally through monitoring, evaluation and performance based outcomes;
3. Restore appropriations to YDDP, SDPP and RHYA, albeit with proportionate reductions and keep these funding streams intact so they may continue to reach all youth in all counties, cities, towns and villages in New York State;
4. Support community juvenile justice prevention, intervention and re-entry by assisting municipalities in reducing their placements and recidivism and increasing permanency through the current cost-effective youth bureau structure ;
5. Uphold the responsibility of the NYS Office of Children and Families Services (OCFS) in the implementation of the **Quality Youth Development Systems (QYDS)**, to promote accountability, monitoring, evaluation and outcome performance measurements for all youth development funding.
6. Set aside funding (\$200,000) for youth development, prevention and intervention training and capacity building for Youth Bureaus to include training on QYDS, Ready by 21 and Touchstones which will enhance monitoring, evaluation and performance outcome measures.

