



Office of Children and Family Services

ANDREW M. CUOMO
Governor

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Acting Commissioner

August 25, 2015

Dear Chief Executive Officer,

Thank you for submitting your Washington County's Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Program (STSJP) plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. Your plan has been reviewed by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and I am pleased to inform you that your county's STSJP plan has been **approved**.

Washington County is eligible to receive 62% State reimbursement for STSJP expenditures up to the capped STSJP allocation amount. Your municipality will continue to receive 49% State reimbursement for eligible detention services expenditures up to the capped allocation amount. If your municipality shifts a portion of its detention allocation into its STSJP plan, your municipality will receive 62% State reimbursement if such shifted funds are spent on STSJP eligible expenditures. Washington County may make an initial detention allocation shift or increase the amount of the detention allocation shift until December 31, 2015. If Washington County plans to shift its detention allocation for STSJP eligible expenses, please submit a request on official letterhead to Cara Korn and email it to stsip@ocfs.ny.gov outlining the amount that will be shifted and the type of programming or services the re-purpose detention funds will be used for under STSJP. An amended STSJP plan will also need to be submitted, if Washington County shifts its detention allocation for STSJP eligible expenses.

All STSJP claims must be submitted electronically via the Juvenile Detention Automated System (JDAS) for the service period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. Questions on all aspects of claiming process should be directed to Daniel Hulihan at (518) 473-4511 or at Daniel.Hulihan@ocfs.ny.gov.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we reform the juvenile justice practices in New York State by safely engaging youth and their family through innovating alternative to placement and detention programs.

If you have any questions, please email us at stsip@ocfs.ny.gov and write "STSJP Plan Questions" in the subject line so that we may best assist you in a timely manner. You can direct all STSJP inquiries to Cara Korn at (518) 408-3999 or Cara.Korn@ocfs.ny.gov and Shawn Chin-Chance at (212) 961-4110 or Shawn.Chin-Chance@ocfs.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Mancini".

Joseph Mancini
Associate Commissioner
DJJOY Office of Community Partnerships

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STSJP Plans are due to the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) by 6 / 29 / 15

Plans should be submitted to: ocfs.sm.stsjp@ocfs.ny.gov

Please ensure that the title “**Supervision and Treatment Services for Juveniles Plan**” and your municipality name are in the subject field to facilitate the timely review of your STSJP Plan. **Note:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 replaces the term State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015-16 and FY 2015 replaces the term SFY 2014-15.

Please direct any STSJP Plan questions to either:

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SECTION ONE- Municipal Information	
NAME OF MUNICIPALITY: Washington County	
STSJP LEAD AGENCY: Washington County Department of Social Services	STSJP LEAD PERSON: Tammy L. DeLorme, Commissioner
STSJP LEAD PHONE NUMBER: (518) 746-2300	STSJP LEAD E-MAIL: tammy.delorme@dfa.state.ny.us

SECTION TWO – List of Programs and Services to be Funded			
In this section, list the exact name of each program who have received STSJP funds, along with the projected amount of STSJP funds to be used for each. If this is a rollover program, please answer questions that are relevant to the funded program:			
Program One-Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Juvenile Electronic Monitoring	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 20,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	12809	12816	
	12827	12828	
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement? Placing youth on Juvenile Electronic Monitoring (JEM) is an option that is not only cost effective, but also allows the youth to live at home, attend school, treatment, counseling, etc. It can be used as a curfew monitoring tool, a graduated sanction tool, or simply to confine them at home to insure community safety.			
3. How will the program be family focused? Youth in JEM are encouraged to engage with their families and identify pro-social family members that can be included in their support system. All youth who are placed on JEM are required to have a parent or guardian with them at the time of Intake. Parents are required to communicate with staff to verify any unapproved leaves from the home or to schedule approved leaves.			
4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations? JEM has been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.			

5. What is the projected number of youth that are served by this STSJP funded program?

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6. If program is being used as an ATD and an ATP, how will it serve both populations of youth?

JEM provides an alternative to detention placements to youth involved in the Family Court system through PINS and Juvenile Delinquent petitions. JEM improves outcomes for youth who would have historically been placed in detention without compromising public safety. It allows youth to: remain in their homes and with their families and preserves the family unit; continue in an appropriate educational placement at their home school; participate in necessary appointments with local service providers; and make good choices and positive life changes. Program may be used as an ATD and participants and families will be given reminder calls regarding upcoming court dates to ensure participants attend all scheduled court appearances.

7. If the program was used during FY 2015, please assess whether the service or program achieved the projected reductions in detention utilization and/or residential placements and other performance outcomes.

Yes it was effective, Washington County diverted \$80,000 from Detention to STSJP in FY 2015.

8. What were the barriers if not met? N/A

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? April, 2014

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 35 days

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 10

Program Two -Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Juvenile Community Restoration (JCR)	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 80,731	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	12809	12816	
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?

In the Juvenile Restoration Program (JCR), open communication with parents increases the success rate for the youth and reduces the likelihood that they will be placed residentially. The sense of accountability and personal satisfaction that the youth receive encourages them to maintain the positive changes they have made, making it less likely that they will be detained or residentially placed. This FY includes the addition of a Program Aide to support the activities and requirements of program participants. This includes life skills, positive youth development programming and community restoration.

3. How will the program be family focused?

JCR serves youth from ages 7-18 and provides consequence and accountability for undesirable behaviors by providing the offending youth with several hours of monitored community service. At the same time, the program provides: support to parents; works with youth to recognize that there is often consequences to others as well as themselves as a result of their actions/misdeeds (Restorative Approach); and offers some measure of life skills training that will continue to serve the youth after the program has been completed.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?

JCR has been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.

5. If the program was used during FY 2015, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

37 youth were served during FY 2015. Each youth performed a minimum of 25 hours of community restoration. Three youth/parents were referred to the Cornell Cooperative Extension Parenting Program. Five youth participated in Adventure Based Programming. 26% increased their grade point average. 63% improved school attendance. 75% had a reduction in school referrals. 88% increased positive communication skills with parents. 13% completed competency/life skills goals.

6. What were the barriers if not met?

N/A

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was It used to serve both populations of youth?

Program is designed to be individualized based on dynamic risk factors resulting in individualized case plans.

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 30

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? April, 2015

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 96 days

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 37

Program Three -Name	Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth	Type of Program		ATD/ATP	
Total Program Expenses	\$ 5,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	12809	12816			
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?

If a youth is placed in Respite/Temporary Care through Berkshire Farms, the youth and his/her family will be assessed for needed services and if necessary, intensive services will be provided.

3. How will the program be family focused?

While in Respite Care through Berkshire Farms the youth and his/her family will be assessed by Berkshire Farms for needed services. When appropriate, the County will reimburse Berkshire Farms for additional intensive services determined to be needed as a result of the assessment, as provided through the use of detention funding. Thus, the family will be receiving the support of both DSS and Berkshire Farms while seeking to attain a more suitable outcome for the youth, upon a return to a family caregiver. Respite will: provide a family home environment; allow for the school placement to be maintained; and keep the youth safe and well cared for until they are able to return to the family home.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?

Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth Respite/Temporary Care has been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.

5. If the program was used during FY 2015, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

No placements were made for STSJP youth through this program during FY 2015.

6. What were the barriers if not met?

N/A

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? <3

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? N/A

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? N/A

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? N/A

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Program Four-Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Youth Programming	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
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Total Program Expenses	\$ 19,948	Rollover Funded Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?
 Adventure Programming will support the enhancement of appropriate life skills, including decision-making, problem-solving, goal-setting, and communication.

3. How will the program be family focused?
 Youth participating in Adventure Programming will participate with their family in challenge-based activities, which are designed to allow participants to interact as a family and work on various life skills such as decision-making, problem-solving, trust, communication, and goal-setting.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?
 Adventure Programming has been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.

5. If the program was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?
 This program did not start until January, 2015.

6. What were the barriers if not met?

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?
 Only used as an ATP.

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 40

Did the program receive STSJP funds FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? January, 2015

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 30 days

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 5

Program Five-Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Parenting Program	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 14,269	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	12809	12816	
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?
 The Parenting Program will target risk factors and issues affecting the families, and goals will be reviewed at the end of each session.

3. How will the program be family focused?
 The Parenting Program will be specifically targeted for the needs of the individual and family. Classes will be held in the following communities: Whitehall, Fort Edward, and Greenwich. Classes will target the individual risk factors and issues affecting the families. Each family will be required to attend a minimum of two sessions. The youth and the parents will attend concurrent workshops separately with homework assignments and goals reviewed at the end of each session.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?
 The Parenting Program has and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.

5. If the program was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?
 N/A. The program began in October, 2014.

6. What were the barriers if not met?

Barriers have included lack of referrals and criteria for participants.

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 10

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? October, 2014

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? 30

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? 3

Program Six-Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Youth Employment	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 25,000	Rollover Funded Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:	12809	12816	
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	12832	12834	
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?	Youth Employment participants will receive stipends for successfully completing individualized goals, and the stipends will not be dependent on family income.		
3. How will the program be family focused?	Although youth who commit offenses and delinquent acts must be held accountable for their behavior, they must also be provided with opportunities to learn skills that can help them grow into productive, law abiding citizens. By being offered training and employment, these youth can successfully enter the labor market and thus the likelihood of recidivism is reduced. This is especially important for PINS/court-involved youth. A youth employment readiness program includes matching a youth's work importance/interest profile with an appropriate worksite in their community. Youth receive stipends for successfully completing individualized goals.		
4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?	Youth Employment has been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.		

5. If the program was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

N/A

6. What were the barriers if not met?

Contractual and payment process. These have since been worked out and the program began in June, 2015.

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? up to 20

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? N/A

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? N/A

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? N/A

Program Seven-Name	Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing Incentives/Activity Fees	Type of Program	ATD/ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	Rollover Funded Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:		12809	12816
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2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?

Incentives/Activity Fees will provide opportunities for youth the earn entrance to activities that will be a positive reinforcement for positive behavior change.

3. How will the program be family focused?

Families will be encouraged to participate with their youth when Incentives/Activity Fees are provided as positive reinforcement.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?

Incentives/Activity Fees have been and will continue to be replicated across multiple sites.

5. If the program was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

N/A

6. What were the barriers if not met?

Processing of purchases. Barriers have been removed by utilizing the Washington County Treasurer's Office and following the Washington County Procurement Policy.

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 40

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? N/A

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? N/A

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? N/A

Program Eight-Name	Why Try	Type of Program	ATP
Total Program Expenses	\$ 1,005	Rollover Funded Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:		12809	12816
		12827	12828
		12832	12834
		12865	12839
		12838	12887

2. How will the program reduce the number of youth who are detained or in residential placement?

Program is designed to promote positive youth development focusing on risky decision making and pro social attitudes.

3. How will the program be family focused?

It will provide the participant an opportunity to review their role in the family dynamic and to explore how their actions and choices affect the larger family dynamic.

4. Can the program be replicated across multiple locations?

Yes.

5. If the program was used last SFY, were the performance outcomes met and describe the outcomes?

N/A

6. What were the barriers if not met?

N/A

7. If program was used as an ATD and an ATP, how was it used to serve both populations of youth?

N/A

8. What is the projected number of youth that will be served by this STSJP – funded program? 40

Did the program receive STSJP funds for FY 2015? Yes No If Yes, answer the questions below:

1. When did the program start using FY 2015 STSJP Funds? _____

2. What was the average length of stay for youth in program or service? _____

3. How many youth received services in the program during FY 2015? _____

Program Name		Type of Program	
Total Program Expenses	\$	Rollover Funded Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
1. Please indicate specific zip codes that your plan targets:			

SECTION THREE – Analysis of Communities

Provide an analysis that identifies the neighborhoods or communities from which the greatest number of juvenile delinquents, juvenile offenders and persons in need of supervision (PINS) are remanded to detention or residentially placed. Are these the communities and neighborhoods served in the previous years' approved plan, if not, what has changed?

The 2015-2016 Plan covers all of the communities within Washington County, which encompasses 17 townships and 10 separate school districts. The greatest number of PINS and JD's within the County are from the Hudson Falls/Fort Edward area, due in greatest part to having a larger population than the other communities within Washington County and the location's accessibility to both Glens Falls and Saratoga (i.e. the population has a tendency to be more transient on the borders of two other counties).

SECTION FOUR – Disparity

In this section, please provide information indicating whether the use of detention or residential placement in your service area exhibits a significant racial or ethnic disparity or disproportionality. Please note that when looking for disparity, highlight, with the use of accurate data, youth who given comparable levels of need, do not receive equal utilization of services. Seek out all decision points to illustrate usage. When looking for disproportionality, identify any population groups who are underrepresented in a larger population and then overrepresented in a subset population. For example, population group A represents 15 percent of the general population but represents 75 percent of the detention population. If you currently do not measure these variables, please include your plan for data collection for Racial and Ethnic Disparities across your system. If No disparities or disproportionalities exist in your system simply state that in the space below.

Washington County has had very limited occurrences of placing youth from racial groups other than Caucasian in either foster care or detention. Washington County has not been identified as having significant racial or ethnic disproportionality. In fact statistically, as per "Table 2: Number of Unique Youth Aged 10 to 18 Years in Detention in 2011 for Non-New York Counties: By County, Race/Ethnicity and Security Level" as prepared by the OCFS Bureau of Evaluation and Research, Washington County's percent distribution was 80% White and 20% Other.

If such disproportionality exists, describe how the service/program proposed for funding will address this disparity.
N/A

SECTION FIVE – Strategy

Justification and Overall Strategy – The purpose of STSJP funds is to establish supports and services for youth who, absent these services, are likely to be detained or placed. Funds should therefore be clearly targeted to meet the needs of the types of youth who in the past have been admitted to detention or residential placement. With this specific purpose in mind, describe the strategy devised by your collaborative partners (list your collaborative partners) to address the STSJP Funding objective through the programs chosen in Section Two.

Through collaboration with Washington County Youth Bureau/Alternative Sentencing, and Berkshire Farm Center and Services for Youth, supports exist to avoid Detention and Placement, as evidenced by the STSJP-funded programs. As a result, very few youth have been placed in Detention or Placement.

SECTION SIX – Outcomes

Performance Outcomes – For FY 2016, provide the projected performance outcomes for your proposed services and programs, being sure to include: An estimate of the anticipated reductions in detention utilization and residential placements.

It is expected that STSJP-funded programs will continue to reduce the likelihood of youth being placed in Detention or Residential Placements

Other projected positive outcomes for youth who participate in the services and programs:

As has already been the case, the expectation is that participation in STSJP-funded programs will result in positive outcomes for the youth served, including improvements in grade point averages, school attendance, positive communication skills with parents, completed competency/life skills goals, and a reduction in school referrals.

Are there any changes in allocations or practices planned for FY 2016 based on experiences in FY 2015, please list those changes:

The new program, "Why Try" (and evidence-based curriculum for decision-making) has been added as a supplement to the Juvenile Community Restoration program.

SECTION SEVEN– Comments

