

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
Attachment B
ATTESTATION OF USE OF FAMILY FIRST TRANSITION FUNDS

Instruction:

This form must be completed to receive Family First Transition Funds. Please complete and return to FamilyFirstNY@ocfs.ny.gov by **June 15, 2019**. Such funds will not be used to supplant any other state or local funds. Claims for reimbursement under this appropriation will not be submitted for the same type and level of funding covered by any other state or locally authorized appropriation.

Section I

This is to certify that Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services (insert LDSS name) plans to use the allocation of these funds authorized in the amount of \$ 42,658 toward one of the purposes listed below. This plan is subject to change based on individualized technical assistance and strategy selection. How the funds were used will be documented in the *Family First Transition Fund Progress Report* (Attachment C). Outcomes resulting from such expenditures will be documented in the *Family First Transition Fund Outcomes Report* (Attachment D).

Plan for use of funds: (Check all that apply.)

- Additional/enhanced targeted technical support
- Family search and engagement
- Enhancing support for foster parents
- Supporting kinship foster parents in meeting approval/certification requirements
- Improving recruitment and retention of foster families, including kinship caregivers
- Establishing administrative review teams to review proposed placements in non-kinship and congregate care settings
- Other (describe)

Section II

The LDSS agrees to participate in OCFS administered centralized technical assistance, and may receive additional technical assistance which may include one or more of the following:

- OCFS administered LDSS-specific technical assistance to assist with data analysis
- Consultant administered strategy development, system improvements and monitoring progress toward target goals

The LDSS has already received technical assistance toward the goal of reducing children in congregate care and increasing children in kinship foster care settings:

- Yes No

If yes, describe:

Dutchess County received a grant from the Redlich-Horwitz foundation to support efforts to increase family based placement options. The grant included funding for Action Research Partners to provide data consultation, and technical assistance from Jennifer Miller of Child Focus including on site consultation, kinship process mapping and assistance in identifying tools and strategies. In addition, the grant allowed us to contract with 3P Consulting LLC to provide a two-day Family Search and Engagement Training for our staff that included a case consultation of two challenging cases. A variety of no cost "family finding" strategies were presented to our CPS, Preventive, Foster Care staff and employees of our Voluntary Agency partners. The goal of the training was to assist DCFS and our contract agencies to incorporate these strategies in our case practice. Dutchess County has also met with Children's Village and Northern Rivers to discuss a partnership to continue our efforts in reducing congregate care placements and further explore family search and engagement techniques and are awaiting proposals from these agencies.

Section III

Instruction:

OCFS has set statewide target goals for the percentage of children in foster care living in congregate care and kinship foster care, to be achieved by September 30, 2021, as follows: **12% congregate care placements and 30% kinship foster care placements**. To assist the state in meeting these targets, the LDSS must identify target goals to reduce congregate care and increase kinship foster care to be achieved by September 30, 2021. Progress toward these goals, as of September 30, 2020, will be documented in the *Family First Transition Fund Outcomes Report* due November 1, 2020.

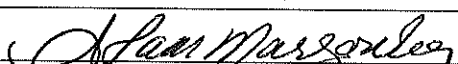
Utilizing the data provided on the next page, fill in the placement percentages as of December 31, 2018. Establish and fill in target goals¹ which may also be identified in the 3-year Retention and Recruitment Plan:

1. Reduce congregate care from 26 % (on December 31, 2018) to 12 % by September 30, 2021
2. Increase kinship² foster care from 21 % (on December 31, 2018) to 32 % by September 30, 2021

Describe below how the LDSS will engage kinship resources with direct custody orders (1017) to consider becoming certified or approved foster parents

Dutchess County Department of Community and Family Services has implemented Family Team Meetings as part of its process by offering a Family Team Meeting with every family involved with CPS and conducting Family Team Meetings within the first 3 months of a family receiving Preventive Services. During the Family Team Meeting, staff engage and empower families to make safe decisions for their children and identify kin early in the process. Home finding staff members conduct resource meetings by the next business day after removal with each kin resource and provide detailed information regarding options for care and custody. This includes a comparison chart and several kin resources manuals. Case management staff continuously revisit the options with the Kin Caregivers letting them know that they can switch one legal mechanism to another and specifically explain the advantages of becoming certified foster care providers rather than 1017 direct custodians.

Section IV

Name and title of person completing the form:	<u>Sabrina Jaar Marzouka, JD, MPH</u>	Date:	<u>6 / 10 / 2019</u>
Commissioner			
Name of commissioner:	<u>Sabrina Jaar Marzouka, JD, MPH</u>	Date:	<u>6 / 10 / 2019</u>
Commissioner's signature:			

¹ Measured from an in-care sample of children in the care and custody of the LDSS in such setting on December 31, 2018 and September 30, 2021

² Kinship foster care includes both approved foster homes, and certified foster homes where the foster parent is a relative or a non-relative with a positive relationship to the child or child's family (i.e. godparent, neighbor, family friend).

Number and Percentage of Children in LDSS Custody by Select Placement Setting Types on December 31st

	12/31/2016						12/31/2017						12/31/2018					
	Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³		Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³		Total Children In LDSS Custody ¹		Approved Relative Home ²		Institution/Group Care ³	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Total	19,126	3,693	19%	3,334	17%	18,623	4,095	22%	3,173	17%	18,081	4,505	25%	2,971	16%			
ALBANY	228	8	4%	75	33%	239	12	5%	70	29%	232	13	6%	58	25%			
ALLEGANY	58	8	14%	11	19%	57	12	21%	9	16%	47	14	30%	10	21%			
BROOME	269	13	5%	67	25%	275	13	5%	71	26%	291	12	4%	65	22%			
CATTARAUGUS	75	4	5%	13	17%	65	3	5%	20	31%	54	10	19%	11	20%			
CAYUGA	68	1	1%	20	29%	66	1	2%	12	18%	71	1	1%	5	7%			
CHAUTAUQUA	111	5	5%	20	18%	112	19	17%	22	20%	116	14	12%	22	19%			
CHEMUNG	90	2	2%	17	19%	101	10	10%	16	16%	97	18	19%	11	11%			
CHENANGO	60	16	27%	8	13%	54	9	17%	6	11%	67	9	13%	4	6%			
CLINTON	78	5	6%	12	15%	79	3	4%	13	16%	85	13	15%	17	20%			
COLUMBIA	59	3	5%	22	37%	41	2	5%	15	37%	47	0	0%	20	43%			
CORTLAND	53	7	13%	4	8%	55	5	9%	5	9%	61	11	18%	7	11%			
DELAWARE	66	0	0%	3	5%	44	0	0%	2	5%	37	0	0%	1	3%			
DUTCHESS	312	33	11%	106	34%	288	34	12%	92	32%	227	48	21%	60	26%			
ERIE	979	84	9%	238	24%	942	139	15%	199	21%	837	150	18%	178	21%			
ESSEX	40	9	23%	4	10%	53	10	19%	9	17%	67	8	12%	14	21%			
FRANKLIN	136	15	11%	9	7%	191	54	28%	7	4%	171	52	30%	9	5%			
FULTON	39	2	5%	17	44%	32	0	0%	13	41%	27	1	4%	10	37%			
GENESEEE	80	6	8%	19	24%	59	6	10%	11	19%	69	3	4%	13	19%			
GREENE	72	26	36%	20	28%	59	11	19%	19	32%	57	5	9%	15	26%			
HAMILTON	1	0	n/a	1	n/a	2	0	0%	1	50%	2	0	0%	1	50%			
HERKIMER	81	1	1%	23	28%	94	3	3%	23	24%	90	5	6%	15	17%			
JEFFERSON	108	5	5%	6	6%	112	2	2%	8	7%	134	20	15%	9	7%			
LEWIS	16	1	6%	1	6%	5	0	0%	1	20%	13	0	0%	0	0%			
LIVINGSTON	51	0	0%	9	18%	36	0	0%	7	19%	37	2	5%	7	19%			
MADISON	37	4	11%	15	41%	31	1	3%	8	26%	34	5	15%	10	29%			
MONROE	424	8	2%	103	24%	437	13	3%	98	22%	482	15	3%	91	19%			
MONTGOMERY	59	1	2%	19	32%	70	1	1%	17	24%	56	1	2%	18	32%			
NASSAU	187	16	9%	56	30%	156	12	8%	48	31%	192	19	10%	70	36%			
NEW YORK	11218	3007	27%	1378	12%	10903	3234	30%	1390	13%	10309	3389	33%	1333	13%			
NIAGARA	184	7	4%	41	22%	179	9	5%	37	21%	185	17	9%	35	19%			
ONEIDA	225	27	12%	60	27%	215	24	11%	68	32%	223	41	18%	63	28%			
ONONDAGA	378	6	2%	94	25%	385	25	6%	80	21%	437	84	19%	79	18%			
ONTARIO	83	9	11%	10	12%	66	11	17%	9	14%	59	11	19%	10	17%			
ORANGE	392	48	12%	81	21%	409	70	17%	81	20%	387	78	20%	59	15%			
ORLEANS	40	0	0%	8	20%	41	2	5%	5	12%	33	0	0%	5	15%			
OSWEGO	64	3	5%	18	28%	110	12	11%	21	19%	157	17	11%	17	11%			
OTSEGO	34	0	0%	5	15%	33	2	6%	5	15%	36	3	8%	3	8%			
PUTNAM	23	2	9%	4	17%	17	2	12%	4	24%	22	4	18%	5	23%			
RENSSELAER	97	1	1%	50	52%	83	0	0%	37	45%	81	2	2%	37	46%			
ROCKLAND	58	3	5%	22	38%	64	4	6%	15	23%	68	14	21%	10	15%			
SARATOGA	57	0	0%	24	42%	61	1	2%	21	34%	54	2	4%	18	33%			
SCHENECTADY	249	29	12%	61	24%	219	24	11%	76	35%	237	31	13%	65	27%			
SCHOHARIE	53	1	2%	12	23%	50	1	2%	12	24%	59	0	0%	11	19%			
SCHUYLER	24	1	4%	0	0%	22	0	0%	5	23%	25	3	12%	8	32%			
SENECA	45	3	7%	8	18%	50	3	6%	9	18%	43	3	7%	9	21%			
ST. LAWRENCE	192	7	4%	30	16%	186	15	8%	22	12%	239	34	14%	23	10%			
ST. REGIS	18	2	11%	1	6%	18	11	61%	2	11%	20	10	50%	3	15%			
STEUEN	105	2	2%	20	19%	93	3	3%	12	13%	112	6	5%	21	19%			
SUFFOLK	605	95	16%	175	29%	604	113	19%	172	28%	535	136	25%	154	29%			
SULLIVAN	84	1	1%	24	29%	101	1	1%	35	35%	133	2	2%	36	27%			
TIOGA	31	4	13%	6	19%	25	5	20%	5	20%	30	6	20%	7	23%			
TOMPKINS	124	35	28%	12	10%	96	32	33%	13	14%	73	26	36%	8	11%			
ULSTER	143	33	23%	38	27%	168	49	29%	38	23%	191	67	35%	45	24%			
WARREN	48	2	4%	13	27%	32	0	0%	9	28%	26	0	0%	6	23%			
WASHINGTON	56	0	0%	14	25%	49	3	6%	3	6%	42	4	10%	7	17%			
WAYNE	36	0	0%	5	14%	26	0	0%	8	31%	23	0	0%	4	17%			
WESTCHESTER	571	81	14%	187	33%	503	63	13%	140	28%	495	64	13%	128	26%			
WYOMING	41	0	0%	13	32%	45	0	0%	15	33%	35	0	0%	11	31%			
YATES	11	1	9%	2	18%	15	1	7%	2	13%	12	2	17%	0	0%			

Notes: Prepared by the OCS Bureau of Research, Evaluation and Performance Analytics on 4/30/2019.

¹ Total Children in LDSS Custody refers to all children in the care and custody of the local district on 12/31; this includes youth in 24-hour care, absent youth and youth on trial discharge status.

² Approved relative home includes all children in an approved relative foster home as of 12/31; both children in 24-hour care and children on absent status are included. Children living in certified foster/adoptive homes where the foster parent is a relative are not captured in this category.

³ Institution/group care includes all children living in an agency operated boarding home, group home, group residence, or institutional setting on 12/31. Children living in supervised independent living programs are not included in this category. Both children in 24-hour care and children on absent status are included in the category total.