

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](mailto: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 Rensselaer (insert LDSS name) plans to use the allocation of these funds authorized in the amount of \$ 30,000 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:

**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 goals<sup>1</sup> which may also be identified in the 3-year Retention and Recruitment Plan:

1. Reduce congregate care from 46 %(on December 31, 2018) to 30 % by September 30, 2021
2. Increase kinship<sup>2</sup> foster care from 2 %(on December 31, 2018) to 10 % 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

Rensselaer County DSS is working to develop a dedicated kinship caseworker within the permanency unit. The kinship caseworker will be responsible for working with all kinship placements- whether it be a kinship foster parent, cases with 1017 custody orders, ICPC cases, or those resources who are not sure which avenue they would like to pursue. The kinship caseworker will also be responsible for working with kinship resources to become certified foster parents if that is the route that they choose. RCDSS is working to redesign the materials provided to kinship resources to make the materials easier to understand. RCDSS is also holding Permanency Options Meetings (POP meetings) with all resources that come forward to explain all of the available options to resources and to answer any questions that the resource may have.

#### **Section IV**

Name and title of person completing the form: <u>Valerie Lee</u>	Date: <u>6/5/19</u>
Name of commissioner: <u>Theresa A Beaudoin</u>	Date: <u>6/5/19</u>
Commissioner's signature: <u>Theresa A Beaudoin</u>	

<sup>1</sup> 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

<sup>2</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>		Approved Relative Home <sup>2</sup>		Institution/Group Care <sup>3</sup>		Total Children In LDSS Custody <sup>1</sup>		Approved Relative Home <sup>2</sup>		Institution/Group Care <sup>3</sup>		Total Children In LDSS Custody <sup>1</sup>		Approved Relative Home <sup>2</sup>		Institution/Group Care <sup>3</sup>	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,126</b>		<b>3,693</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3,334</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18,623</b>		<b>4,095</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>3,173</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>18,081</b>		<b>4,505</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>2,971</b>	<b>16%</b>
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%
CHAUTAUGUA	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%
GENESEE	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%
STEBEN	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 OCFS Bureau of Research, Evaluation and Performance Analytics on 4/30/2019.

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.