

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 358 OF 2021

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS LEGGETT, SHEPLER, STROUGH, DIAMOND AND DRISCOLL**

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE UPSTATE FAMILY DEFENSE (CHILD WELFARE) QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & CASELOAD REDUCTION GRANT TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES TO REDUCE CASELOADS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MANDATED LEGAL REPRESENTATION PROVIDED TO PARENTS IN CHILD WELFARE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Public Defender is requesting approval to submit an application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant to develop innovative programs and practices to reduce caseloads and improve the quality of mandated legal representation provided to parents in child welfare proceedings in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), for a three (3) year term to tentatively commence on December 1, 2021, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Warren County Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized to execute an application to the New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services for the Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction grant for the Public Defender's Office in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000), for a three (3) year term to tentatively commence on December 1, 2021, in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon notification of the grant award the Chair of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized to execute the grant agreement as well as any modifications, extensions and/or other necessary documents relative to the aforescribed grant program in a form approved by the County Attorney, and be it further

RESOLVED, that if any further funding becomes available during the term of this agreement, no further resolution to accept said monies is necessary and the Chair of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to execute any documents necessary to receive the additional funds in a form approved by the County Attorney.