



Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

RESOLUTION NO. 113 -2011

DATE: April 13, 2011

BY SUPERVISOR _____
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
CHAIRWOMAN: ELIZABETH YOUNG

**REQUESTING NYS TO MAINTAIN FUNDING STREAMS FOR YOUTH BUREAUS
AND FURTHER URGING ELIMINATION OF COMPETITIVE BID FUNDING**

UPON, recommendation of the Human Services Committee at a meeting held on the 16th day of March 2011, and the Finance Committee at a meeting held on the 5th day of April 2011;

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo has submitted his proposed 2011-2012 Executive Budget recommending the development of a Primary Prevention Incentive Program (PPIP), and

WHEREAS, this proposal actually slashes the current allocation of funding for Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP), Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP), and Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), by 50%, and

WHEREAS, this proposal eliminates these funding streams and offers the distribution of funds on a competitive basis to counties, resulting in the elimination of funding to many rural counties, thereby promoting inequities in prevention and positive youth development services across New York State, and

WHEREAS, the proposed competitive bidding process will also result in a loss of local planning and control, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned proposal will dismantle the current youth bureau system, structure and funding streams, and will be especially detrimental to all municipal youth bureaus, and

WHEREAS, current youth development and prevention services are provided through a fair and equitable formula-driven allocation through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, the current funding through youth bureaus structures ensure appropriate local monitoring, evaluation and accountability, and

WHEREAS, youth development, prevention and intervention are essential for critical services to children and youth, and

WHEREAS, if adopted, this portion of the Executive Budget would result in the minimal loss of almost \$55,000 of youth services dollars for Columbia County, and

WHEREAS, if adopted, New York State will be abandoning its long-time national leadership and partnership in youth prevention, intervention and development services, as articulated in Article 19-A of the Executive Law, and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors believes that providing services and programs for children and youth is an investment, not only in delinquency prevention, but also in the development of all our young people, in all ways thus enriching our society and nation as a whole, and

WHEREAS, Columbia County Human Services Committee has met, considered and by unanimous vote, approved this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Columbia County Board of Supervisors hereby requests Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature maintain the current youth bureau funding streams, albeit with proportionate reductions, and eliminate the concept of competitive bid funding, and be it further

RESOLVED, that Governor Cuomo and the New York State Legislature be directed to uphold Article 19-A of the Executive Law and to maintain the current youth bureau system and structure which is in the best interest of the 17,000 children and youth of Columbia County and of the children and youth of New York State as a whole, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Human Resources Department, Governor Cuomo, Assembly Speaker, Silver, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, Senator Saland, Assembly Members Molinaro, Lopez and McLaughlin and New York State Association of Counties, the Youth Bureau, the Columbia County Attorney and the Columbia County Treasurer.

Approved:

County Attorney

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