

We are pleased to inform you that we have selected Westchester County to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,610,417 over a three year period to operate the first Upstate Model Family Representation Office. The Model Office will be staffed by the Legal Services of Hudson Valley (LSHV). Having met with Westchester County and LSHV leadership, we are very confident that this Office will fulfill the defining feature of the RFP, which is “implementation of client-centered, holistic, and interdisciplinary representation that addresses both the legal and social service issues confronting parents affected by the child welfare system, at all critical stages of their interaction with the system.” (RFP p. 2). This grant award is tentative, pending approval of the procurement record by the Office of the New York State Comptroller. We also salute the seven additional counties that submitted thoughtful proposals, which demonstrated the seriousness of purpose and commitment to high quality representation that we hope to support in the future.

We are also pleased to inform you that, earlier today, we released our Second Regional Immigration Assistance Centers RFP, which is attached and is announced today on our agency website. The six existing RIACs have done pathbreaking work implementing the constitutional mandate of *Padilla v. Kentucky* throughout the state. This RFP seeks to continue New York’s leadership in this important area of the law.

Our best wishes to everyone for a happy and productive 2020.

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