

(July 12, 2021) ILS is pleased to announce that, after a careful review of proposals by a scoring team, Monroe County will be awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,610,417 over a three-year period to operate the Second Upstate Model Family Representation Office. The Model Office will be staffed by the Monroe County Public Defender's Office. [Monroe County, NY - Public Defender](#)

ILS is confident that this second Upstate Model Family Representation Office, like the first in Westchester County, will fulfill the defining feature of the RFP to provide representation that is client-centered, holistic, and interdisciplinary and that addresses the legal and social service issues confronting parents affected by the child welfare system, at all critical stages of their interaction with the system.

ILS also commends the 6 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.