



**Office of Children  
and Family Services**

**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
Governor

**SHEILA J. POOLE**  
Acting Commissioner

July 30, 2018

Dear Commissioner and Agency Executive Director,

This letter serves to notify you of the enclosed updated model contract for the purchase of foster care services. It replaces the model contract issued August 27, 2015 in 15-OCFS-ADM-14.

The revisions made to the model foster care purchase of services contract reflect the modifications necessary to implement the Raise the Age legislation enacted in April 2017. It details payments local social services districts must make for juvenile delinquents placed in their care who are placed in the specific foster care programs the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has designated to provide specialized services to the older Raise the Age population. It further reflects language required by the federal Family First Prevention Services Act signed into law in February 2018. There is a revised Schedule D that details the specialized services of these Raise the Age programs.

In addition, there are provisions outlining the responsibilities of Anchor Counties which agree to enter into specific fiscal relationships with OCFS and the Raise the Age program providers.

There will be an ADM forthcoming that formally details the amendments made to the model foster care purchase of services contract, however many counties are in the process of developing foster care contracts and required the updated language in an expedient manner. Please modify your foster care services and maintenance agreements to follow the revised model contract for the purchase of foster care services effective immediately.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact me at [laura.velez@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:laura.velez@ocfs.ny.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura M. Velez".

Laura M. Velez  
Deputy Commissioner  
Child Welfare and Community Services