

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 163 OF 2011

**Resolution introduced by Supervisors Loeb, Kenny, Bentley, Strainer, Wood, McDevitt and Sokol**

### **OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PRIMARY PREVENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM (PIIP) IN THE PROPOSED 2011 - 2012 STATE BUDGET**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the proposed competitive bidding process allows for a loss of local planning and control, and will dismantle the current Youth Bureau structure, funding streams and programs that meet the locally identified needs of our county youth, and

WHEREAS, currently, youth development and prevention services are provided through a fair and equitable formula-driven allocation and the current funding through the Youth Bureau ensures appropriate monitoring, evaluation and accountability, and

WHEREAS, Youth Development, Prevention and Intervention are essential in critical services to our youth, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Youth Board and Bureau target limited state funds for programs wherein youth in crisis as well as youth in rural communities benefit, such as Warren County Youth Court, Homebased Parent Education for Teen Parents, mental health counseling to keep youth in school and their community, safe and supervised programs after school/summer and summer jobs, and

WHEREAS, New York State is abandoning its long-time leadership and partnership in youth prevention, intervention and development services as articulated in Executive Law 420 19A, and

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Supervisors believes that providing services and programs for 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, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren 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 the Governor and Legislature uphold Executive Law 420 Article 19a to maintain the current Youth Bureau structure which is in the best interest of the 17,550 youth served by youth development and prevention services in Warren County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Association of Counties; Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; and Assemblywoman Teresa Sayward.