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Ms. Brenda Rava
Executive Director
Montgomery County Youth Bureau
20 Park Street
PO Box 1500
Fonda, NY 12068

Dear Ms. Rava:

This letter is to inform you that the Montgomery County Youth Bureau has been allocated Sexually Exploited Youth (SEY) funds in the amount of \$23,000 for one year. These funds will support the Youth Bureau in raising awareness of human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and increase services to this population by enhancing Runaway and Homeless Youth programming. SEY funds may be used to strengthen the capacity of RHYA programs, including drop-in centers, case management services, youth outreach, shelters, interim family host homes, and TILPS.

The Sexually Exploited Youth funds will be administered through the Youth Bureau's Resource Allocation Process. Sonia Tate will be working with you to complete the fiscal process; Karen Sessions will be available to support the development of local programming. Please contact Ms. Tate at (212) 383-4704 or Sonia.Tate@ocfs.ny.gov or Ms. Sessions at 518-474-3427 or Karen.Sessions@ocfs.ny.gov with any questions or concerns.

We look forward to working with you, your local social services district partner and other stakeholders to address the issue of the sexual exploitation of children throughout the county. I wish you much success as you participate in this collaborative initiative with OCFS to providing services to youth who are most vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation.

Sincerely,

Madeline Hannan, MSW
Anti-Trafficking Coordinator

Att. (4)

CC. Michael McMahon, Montgomery County Commissioner
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