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Advocates Call on Albany to Help Kids Thrive by Supporting Foster Care Agencies and Workers in the State Budget

COFCCA and Good Shepherd Services Demand Adequate Resources for Foster Care Agencies and Workers

New York – As foster care and advocates gathered in Albany today to demand that COFCCA agencies receive funding to repair and maintain facilities and support and incentivize the workforce in the 2021 state budget, Michelle Yanche, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Services, released the following statement:

“COFCCA agencies are facing a workforce crisis as turnover rates across the State are rampant and range between 30 and 40 percent which impacts our ability to provide services and supports foster youth need and deserve. COFCCA and Good Shepherd are committed to partnering with the State to provide services that New York children and families urgently need, but we need the resources to do so.

“We are proud to stand with advocates from across the State to demand that legislators prioritize capital investments for providers to repair and maintain facilities and the scholarship and loan forgiveness programs that support agencies in the recruitment and retention of highly trained workers. New York has the resources and the opportunity to help the next generation of child welfare leaders, and the children they serve, thrive.

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About [Good Shepherd Services](#):

Good Shepherd Services goes where children, youth, and families face the greatest challenges and provides resources that build on their inherent strengths to help them thrive. Good Shepherd operates over 80 programs, which help nearly 30,000 youth and family members in struggling neighborhoods throughout New York City. All programs are united by a common goal—to create opportunities that help our participants succeed at school, at home, and in their community.