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Good Shepherd Services Applauds Governor Cuomo’s Support for the Foster Youth College Success Initiative in State Budget

New York - As advocates rally together with the Fostering Youth Success Alliance (FYSA) in Albany today in support of the Foster Youth College Success Initiative in the 2021 state budget, Michelle Yanche, Executive Director of Good Shepherd Services, released the following statement:

“Throughout New York, 50 percent of youth in foster care graduate from high school and of these students, only 18 to 24 percent are enrolled in college. Less than 3 percent of foster youth graduate college. We thank Governor Cuomo for allocating \$6 million in the Executive Budget for the Foster Youth College Success Initiative, which makes sure that foster youth have the support and resources they need to remain in, and successfully graduate from, college. We look forward to working with legislators to ensure we close the financial gaps foster youth face in attending college. Today, we are proud to stand with foster youth, our legislative champions and the alliance to support the academic success of youth in foster care.”

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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.