



**Office of Temporary  
and Disability Assistance**

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February 4, 2025

Thalia Wright  
Commissioner  
Monroe County Department of Human Services  
111 Westfall Road  
Rochester, New York 14620

Dear Commissioner Wright:

I am pleased to inform you that Monroe County's Child Poverty Reduction Initiative (CPRI) full program plan has been approved. With this approval Monroe County is eligible to receive up to \$25,000,000 in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding to support child poverty reduction over the next three years in the City of Rochester.

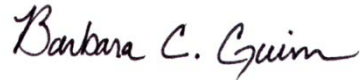
On January 10, 2025, the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) issued a conditional partial plan approval for the implementation of two Monroe CPRI projects, the Monthly Cash Incentive Program for Pregnant Women and Rental Subsidy Initiatives with related administrative expenses for \$8,080,101. The full plan submission includes the addition of a third project, the Upward Mobility Mentoring Program, and programs the remaining \$16,919,899. The terms of the plan have been approved with the understanding that amendments to the plan may be granted only with the approval from the OTDA. A copy of the approved plan and corresponding budget are enclosed with this letter.

As a reminder, the purpose of this initiative is also to generate evidence about the implementations and outcomes of interventions to reduce child poverty. As such, interventions will be subject to an implementation and outcome evaluation coordinated by OTDA. Further details about this evaluation, reporting requirements and claiming instructions will be forthcoming.

Lastly, we will follow up under separate cover about the criteria and documentation required to exempt certain direct payments made through CPRI funds to clients for Public Assistance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

We are excited to work with you over the coming years to help families in Monroe advance economically and to evaluate these investments. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the Child Poverty Reduction Initiative, please contact Stephanie Boshart at [Stephanie.Boshart@otda.ny.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Boshart@otda.ny.gov) or (518) 486-3151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara C. Guinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara C. Guinn  
Commissioner

Attachments

cc: County Executive Adam J. Bello  
Mayor Malik D. Evans  
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