

(April 26, 2024) ILS is pleased to announce that, after careful review of proposals by a scoring team, the following 8 localities will be awarded the Third Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement and Caseload Reduction Grants:

Allegany County  
Chemung County  
Livingston County  
New York City  
Schuyler County  
Sullivan County  
Washington County

ILS is confident that these awards will be used to improve the quality of representation in Family Court Act Article 10 proceedings in a manner that better informs Family Court decision-making, reduces the needless separation of children from their families, saves foster care costs, diminishes disparate racial impacts, and reduces long-term costs to the state and to counties.

ILS acknowledges the commitment to quality legal representation from the additional 3 localities that also submitted proposals. The submitted proposals highlight the critical need for a state commitment to improving the quality of representation by reducing caseloads and providing interdisciplinary representation for parents in alignment with the ILS Standards for Parental Legal Representation in State Intervention Matters.