



Office of Children and Family Services

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Acting Commissioner

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Nancy Ginsburg, Esq.
Deputy Commissioner
Division of Youth and Family Justice
Administration for Children's Services

Dear Deputy Commissioner Ginsburg,

This letter follows up your waiver request submitted on October 19, 2023. OCFS is approving your waiver of the pertinent regulations under 9 NYCRR 180-1.9(c)(18). This approval allows for the utilization of dormitory-style housing at Crossroads and Horizon Juvenile Centers through January 05, 2024. The outline of the agreement is as follows:

- OCFS will be made aware of any incidents that arise as a result of this request within 24 hours of occurrence
- Waiver allows for housing of up to eight additional male and three additional females JD/JO residents only in Crossroads, and eight additional male JD/JO residents only in Horizon
- Classroom space will be utilized as housing space during sleeping hours only and youth will receive regular programming daily
- Minimum of 2 extra staff and one Supervisor will manage the spaces when utilized
- Any request for a modification of this waiver will be shared with OCFS for approval prior to changes occurring

As indicated, the youth selected to be housed in the dormitory-style housing will be evaluated and chosen by Administration, Casework, and Medical to assure that the youth's needs can be met prior to any movement. OCFS will continue to support the Administration for Children's Services during this time.

Sincerely,

Galen Gomes Sr., Ed.D.
Associate Commissioner
Youth Development and
Partnerships for Success

C: Nina Aledort, Kendra Sena