MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

A.2263 FERNANDEZ /S.813 BIAGGI - AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to the maximum age at which a homeless youth can continue to receive shelter services

May 23, 2022: The Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA) supports A.2263 /S.813 sponsored by Assembly Member Fernandez and Senator Biaggi which would raise the maximum age at which an individual may continue to receive youth shelter services from 21 to 24.

It is crucial to ensure homeless youth have a safe and appropriate place to sleep while they work to identify additional resources and services for which they may be eligible, work toward educational and employment goals, and achieve stability. Increasing the age at which a homeless youth can receive youth shelter services will help to ensure additional time for navigating the transition to adulthood.

COFCCA supports A.2263 /S.813 and encourages the Legislature to pass the bill.

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