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Dear Potential Grantee,

The Department of Youth Services (DYS) is committed to delinquency prevention, reduction of reoffending and the rehabilitation of youth committed to state custody. The department, in partnership with juvenile courts and community providers has sought to increase the available alternatives to incarceration for youth who would benefit from community based interventions. The DYS Diversion Grant process has been a significant part of this effort for over a decade. In that time, the grant application process and been modified and the emphasis on utilization, performance indicators and outcomes have increased. The department's effort to enhance the use of data in its' monitoring and evaluation has enhanced the program's effectiveness and increased the number of evidence-based and/ or promising practices that department supports through this initiative.

We are pleased that you are interested in providing these needed services to youth and their families through a partnership between providers and juvenile courts. A successful application and program will need to emphasize and establish a relationship with juvenile court officials that ensure consistent and effective communication throughout the life of the grant. When courts have effective alternatives that address delinquency risk factors, while maintaining public safety; then youth, their communities, and the state benefit.

Attached please find the FY 2019/20 DYS Grant Application. Please be aware of the changes from the previous application two (2) years ago as well as all requirements and timelines associated with this application.

Thank you for your interest and the work you do with youth in Alabama.

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