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Albany County to Announce Innovative Juvenile Detention Alternative Program

Albany County Executive Daniel P. McCoy and the Honorable Gerard Maney, Supervising Judge of Albany County Family Court, the Department for Children, Youth and Families, the **UAAlbany Center for Human Services Research** and the County Probation Department will come together to announce how the county and stakeholders are working to reduce the number of youth placed in secure detention facilities.

The County Executive will announce that the county has been chosen by the state Office of Children and Family Services Division of Juvenile Justice and Opportunities for Youth as one of six new Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) sites in New York. Sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the program has been successful in other areas of the country.

The program has been in place for 20 years and seeks to promote change to policies, practices and programs to:

- reduce reliance on secure confinement;
- improve public safety;
- reduce racial disparities and bias;
- save taxpayers' dollars; and
- stimulate overall juvenile justice reforms

County Executive McCoy and Judge Maney will offer brief remarks at the event and provide an overview of the initiative. The kick off will take place on January 22 at 2:30 p.m. at the La Salle School at 391 Western Avenue in Albany.