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Sarah Roethlinger, Executive Director
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Dear Sarah Roethlinger:

Thank you for your response to the fiscal year 2026 - 2027 *Intensive Intervention Services (IIS)* Request for Proposals advertisement in the Departments efforts to provide services to meet the needs of some of our state's most at-risk juveniles.

I would like to congratulate you on the awarded amount of \$49,574 of **State Fiscal Recovery Funds (S.F.R.F.)** for the *HEARTH Transitional Living Program* for fiscal year 26-27, with a start date of July 1, 2026, with the award being contingent upon available funds. As you're aware, S.F.R.F. funding ends September 30, 2026 and your submitted budgeted expenditures aligns with that timeframe (July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2026).

Please know that we wish to offer continued assistance to you in our efforts to support the work that you are doing. Below is DPS contact information for technical assistance in FY 26-27:

Contract Administrator: LaShanya Richardson lashanya.richardson@ncdps.gov
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Again, congratulations on your award to provide a needed service for our state's most at-risk juveniles. We commend your efforts to engage in this partnership with us to provide effective programming and look forward to the shared effort to improve the quality of the lives of those youth we serve.

Sincerely,

Cindy Porterfield, Director, Juvenile Community Programs
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cc: JCPC Chair, Chief Court Counselor, Area Manager, Area Consultant, Program Assistant,
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