



Judicial Process Commission

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Dear Mr. Condliffe,

The Judicial Process Commission is pleased to write this Letter of Support to Center for Community Alternatives (CCA) in support of the requested proposal, *Promoting A Community Transformation (PACT: Nonviolence Project)*. The **PACT: Nonviolence Project** is part of a collaborative effort between CCA and Rise Up Rochester to provide wraparound reentry, transition, and violence prevention services in Rochester.

JPC is a key community partner for the PACT: Nonviolence Project. The Judicial Process Commission works with women and men coming home from incarceration to support them and their families, and already collaborates with the Center for Community Alternatives and other legal service providers to provide reentry advocacy in Monroe County. This program would provide multiple new ways for our organizations to support one another's clients and increase community safety.

With Monroe County's support, this project will be a resource for our youngest clients and the children of our older clients who may be suspended from school or in need of peer support as they navigate the family or criminal legal system. Through the Justice Peer component of this project, trained, adult "justice peers" (people with lived experience of juvenile legal system) would be matched with youth referred into the program and will provide instrumental human support (accompaniment to medical or educational appointments, engagement in pro-social activities, systems navigation, and credible mentorship). This model for youth is clearly aligned with the cross-sector peer navigation JPC will provide adults; and we are glad to support the project.

JPC is also uniquely positioned as the agency that helps hundreds of individuals seeking to review and correct their RAP Sheets (record of arrests and prosecutions) each year to nominate youth and young adults with lived experience of the court system who may have an interest in becoming valuable (paid) members of CCA's Youth Advisory Board. Similarly, as JPC works with many clients who have themselves been victimized by violence, we are well placed to make referrals to the Safe Housing component of **PACT: Nonviolence Project** for gun violence victims. Likewise, JPC is available to field referrals from CCA and Rise Up, should a participant (or family member) in any component need help obtaining and understanding their RAP Sheet, or seeking a Certificate of Relief. All of our clients are safer when their families and children have access to the supports they need to succeed and grow, and we look forward to working with CCA and Rise Up.

The Judicial Process Commission strongly supports this application to Monroe County for ARPA funding. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding Judicial Process Commission's support of this project.

Best Regards,


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