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Children's Village to Implement My First Place Model™ In Its Westchester County Transitional Housing Programs

Dobbs Ferry, NY – November 21, 2018. The Children's Village (CV) is proud to announce that it will implement the nationally recognized My First Place transitional housing model as part of its partnership agreement with California-based First Place for Youth.

The model will be implemented at CV's Westchester sites, which have provided supported apartments for homeless youth for more than 25 years. Developed by First Place for Youth over the last 20 years, My First Place is a comprehensive housing, education, and employment support model that combines intense engagement with outcome-oriented decision making.

"The My First Place model will help us bring everything we know works for youth into a more rigorous, data-driven protocol that we believe will result in even better outcomes for our residents," said Danielle Gaffney, Assistant Vice President for Community Based Foster Care.

"The Children's Village has an outstanding record of supporting children and families in New York, and we are excited to work with them to integrate My First Place into their existing transitional housing programs," said Heidi McIntosh, CEO and Chief Regional Officer of First Place for Youth. "This partnership offers an opportunity for our two organizations to share knowledge, deepen our understandings of what support and services are most beneficial to transition-age foster youth, and continue to improve our programs to ensure that the young people we serve are given the best possible opportunities to build the skills long-term success."

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ABOUT CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

Founded in 1851, The Children's Village is a charitable organization that specializes in working with the most vulnerable children and families in the New York metropolitan area. The Children's Village reaches 10,000 children, teens and families each year through a variety of innovative community-based and residential programs. All its programs are designed to keep children safe and families together. Visit us on the web at <http://www.childrensvillage.org>.

ABOUT FIRST PLACE FOR YOUTH:

First Place for Youth serves nearly 2,000 foster youth, ages 16-24, across California each year. In Fiscal Year 2018, the My First Place program was once again the state's largest comprehensive services program for this vulnerable population, providing more than 630 young people with safe and stable housing, individualized education and employment counseling, and healthy living support services. Headquartered in Oakland, CA, First Place operates in six California counties, Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano. First Place launched its My First Place™ Affiliate Network in 2017, and the Children's Village joins existing network members HopeWell Inc. (Boston, MA) and the Mississippi Department of Child Protection. First Place for Youth believes that more is possible for foster kids, and since its founding in 1998, has helped more than 10,000 young people on the path to brighter futures. For more information, visit firstplaceforyouth.org, follow [@FPFY](https://twitter.com/FPFY) on Twitter, or [connect on Facebook](#).