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SALEM COUNTY FREEHOLDER JEFF HOGAN STATEMENT ON SALEM COUNTY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE PILOT INITIATIVE

(Salem, NJ)-- Freeholder Jeffrey Hogan, Chair of the County Health & Social Services Committee, today released the following statement regarding Department of Children and Families Commissioner Kevin Ryan's announcement that Salem County has been selected to receive funding and partner with the state for the Differential Response Pilot Initiative:

"I am very pleased that Salem County, through the Interagency Council, has been selected to receive funding to be on the cutting edge of proactive protective services. The Differential Response Pilot Initiative is designed to be a preventive measure in assisting families with difficulties before they become major problems.

"The current system in place in New Jersey to protect children is based on a reactionary model in that it takes steps after an incident takes place. The Differential Response system provides families with support so that the family can remain cohesive and functioning while going through turbulent times. By being proactive in assisting our families, we hope that we can greatly lower the incidents of abuse and neglect of children.

"The Differential Response system does not create another government entity; rather it provides for a coordinated and proactive response of government agencies and existing programs. I am excited that Salem County can be on the cutting edge of providing support and protection for our most precious asset—our children."

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