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Moline Police Department partners with The Center for Youth and Family Solutions to pair police and social workers for enhanced services.

The Moline Police Department is proud to enter into a new and innovative partnership with The Center for Youth and Family Solutions (CYFS) to pair police and social workers together for enhanced services to our community. On Tuesday night, Moline City Council members will vote on a final reading to enter into an agreement with CYFS to embed social workers at the Moline Police Department.

The purpose of this new agreement is to establish a continuing working relationship and increased access to social work services to individuals that come in contact with the police department who present the need for social work referral or intervention. This project has both a short and long term plan. In Phase 1, which will begin immediately, the project will consist of enhanced collaboration in serving target populations in Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services and Homeless Youth programs. In Phase 2, the project looks to expand the populations served to youth, adults and families in a more expansive model of service in education, crisis response, casework and clinical services.

The Moline Police Department will co-locate the social workers with the Juvenile Investigation Division. CYFS and Moline Police will work together to provide diversion and intervention programs to help divert cases from the criminal justice system. CYFS social workers will also work closely with the department School Resource Officers and the Moline School District.

This project is the result of a collaborative effort between Moline Police Chief Darren Gault and CYFS Chief Operating Officer Anthony Riordan. Talks began back in mid-June and the two organizations have been working diligently to put the details of the program together for implementation.

Chief Gault said, “having the CYFS social workers inside of our police operations will be a valuable addition and important partnership in public safety in Moline. I am grateful for CYFS answering our call for enhanced social work collaboration.”

Riordan confirmed the unique partnership has the potential for significant impact for the community. “Chief Gault reached out seeking a collaborative solution to the complexity of community policing challenges faced each day by his staff. We have operated the 24/7 on call youth crisis response programs for over 40 years with local Illinois QC law enforcement. It is a natural progression to expand to try to quickly engage other adults and families in need to provide critically needed support alongside our first responders, Solutions today require creative collaborations serving all with dignity and respect and we will strive to do so each day.”