

Porzio Advises First Children Services on Strategic Growth Partnership

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Porzio Bromberg & Newman is pleased to announce that it served as legal counsel to First Children Services and affiliated entities (FCS) in its strategic growth partnership with Station Partners. This collaboration marks an important milestone for FCS as it continues its mission to deliver life-changing outcomes for children and families. With the additional resources and strategic support provided through this investment, FCS is positioned to accelerate growth, expand its reach, and enhance access to quality critical behavioral health and special education services across New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Porzio's multidisciplinary team provided comprehensive legal guidance throughout the transaction, including deal structuring, regulatory compliance, and negotiation of definitive agreements. The team advising FCS was led by Carmen Andrade, Deirdre Wheatley-Liss and Vito Gagliardi, Jr., with support from Daniel Makoski, Michael Leon, and Sameer Prasla. Their combined experience in commercial transactions, corporate and tax law, and education services ensured a smooth process aligned with FCS's mission and long-term objectives.

The partnership reflects FCS's unwavering commitment to its mission and its confidence that Station Partners' involvement will help drive continued innovation and expansion. By aligning with a partner that shares its vision, FCS is well-positioned to broaden access to essential services and positively impact more children and families.

This transaction underscores Porzio's deep experience in advising mission-driven organizations on complex growth initiatives and its commitment to supporting clients in achieving transformative outcomes.