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Ted O'Brien

## Senator O'Brien applauds \$281,600 grant for violence prevention programming in the City of Rochester

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**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** – Senator Ted O'Brien praised a \$281,600 state grant announced today that will enable Rochester's Action for a Better Community (A.B.C.) to work with local law enforcement and youth to encourage nonviolent conflict resolution and discourage gang violence. A state Division of Criminal Justice Services researcher will be working with A.B.C. to develop a plan and conduct ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the program.

"We must do all we can to eliminate gun violence and inner city crime to ensure Rochester residents, and all New Yorkers, feel safe and secure in their neighborhoods and places of business," Senator O'Brien said. "I am proud to support the Governor and innovative programs such those at Action for a Better Community that will help prevent at-risk youth from turning to violence and will continue making Rochester a safe place to work and raise a family."

For more information about the program, see <http://www.governor.ny.gov/press/02052014-violence-reduction-programs>.

*half of Ontario County, including much of the city of Rochester.*

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