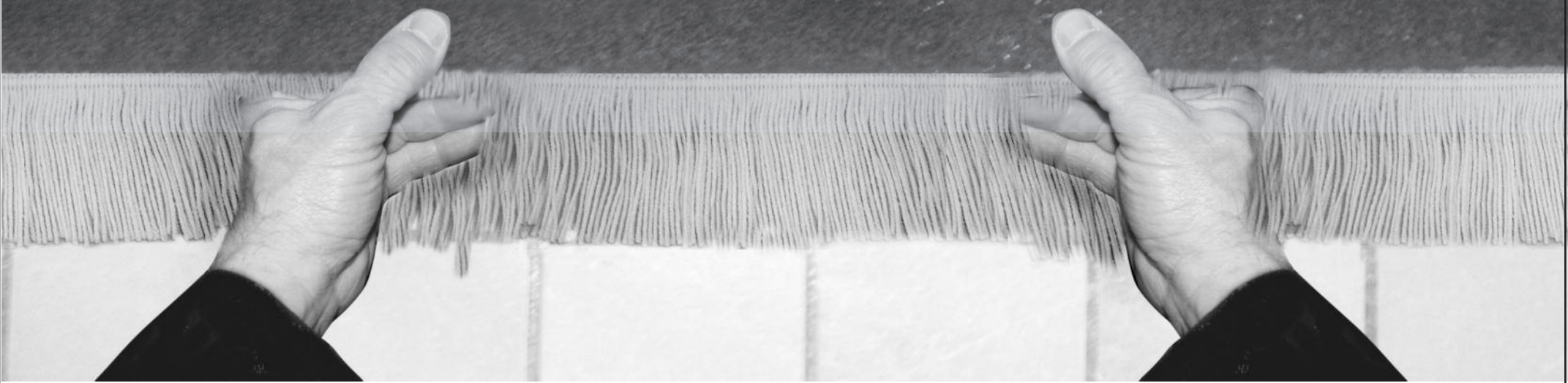




**Don't pull the rug out
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Great Valley Residential Center — An asset for troubled youth.

Juveniles enter youth facilities and group homes with many serious needs for services. Those needs are met by dedicated state employees who work for the state Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS).

Now, the state wants to close several youth facilities including the **Great Valley Residential Center** in Cattaraugus County.

The state is being shortsighted in its rush to close these facilities. The need is cyclical; recent evidence points to an increase in juvenile crime.

Closing the **Great Valley Residential Center** may force juveniles into private facilities. Nearly one-third of juveniles placed in private residential facilities are returned to state-run facilities every year. The demand to open beds for returned youths forces the discharge of youths before they are ready to go back to their communities. That contributes to high recidivism rates.

Don't pull the rug out from under our troubled youths. Give them the second chance they need to succeed.

Tell lawmakers to stop the proposed closure of the **Great Valley Residential Center** and put our troubled youths first.

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