

July 20, 2022

**HCJFS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RESOURCE FAMILY PLACEMENT SERVICES
TRADITIONAL AND TREATMENT FOSTER CARE
RFP SC01-22R**

ADDENDUM 2

Providers in Attendance for RFP Conference

Adrian's Haven
Agape for Youth
BDM Sister's Group Home
Beech Acres Parenting Center
Buckeye Ranch
CHOICES
Dominion Center
Focus on Youth

Gracehaven
L Strong Group Home
Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
NYAP
New Path Child & Family Solutions
NECCO
Oesterlen Services for Youth
Our Children Our Future
SAFY

Questions asked before RFP Conference

Q1. Is preschool/Head Start mandatory (page 11) and if so, for what age group?

A. No, preschool/Head Start is not mandatory of all youth. However, it is highly recommended all youth attend and/or be assessed for a preschool/Head Start program prior to starting Kindergarten to ensure the youth is adequately prepared. If there is a recommendation from community partners for this programming, it would be required for the resource parent to assist to ensure the need is met. This assessment process would start between ages 3 and 4.

Q2. Can you explain in more detail what you mean by emergency referrals, especially the no eject/no reject policy (page 9)?

A. Emergency placements refer to those youth in transition while the agency is seeking a more restrictive placement and/or the youth is on a wait list for another placement. These youth are typically older and have some behavioral concerns.

The no-reject policy indicates networks will ensure available placements to meet this need and will utilize those placements when the need arises. The no-eject policy indicates networks will maintain these placements through community supports and crisis planning until the youth moves into the more restrictive placement, without placement disruption.

Questions asked during RFP Conference

- Q1.** Do we need to submit a worker's compensation and insurance certificate, referenced in section 2.8 F with the proposal or prior to contract?
- A.** Worker's compensation and insurance certificates must be submitted with proposals.
- Q2.** Is the individual aid service component defined?
- A.** From page 3 of Cover Sheet - Attachment A, Individual Aid = services provided to children with a developmental disorder, extensive behavior challenges, personality disorder or a medical condition requiring care beyond the scope of service normally provided in therapeutic foster care.
- Q3.** Is it the expectation that each agency provides services for all features?
- A.** HCJFS' goal is to work with Providers who are able to meet the entire continuum of services. However, HCJFS reserves the right to award contracts to successful Providers for all or some of the services proposed.
- Q4.** Is the p. 26 statement that HCJFS has the "right to interview the Program Manager and approve or veto the hire" a new requirement?
- A.** This language was added after the 2019 foster care RFP was issued and is now language in children's services contracts resulting from procurement.
- Q5.** Can you speak more about the changes/additions to visitation requirements in this RFP versus the one in 2019?
- A.** All of network staff are required to receive training from HCJFS on this new program prior to being an approved facilitator of visitation.
- Q6.** Have the performance incentives changed for this RFP?
- A.** The performance incentives will be released at a later date and will likely be very similar to the previous RFP, with the addition of incentives for resource family hosted parenting time-visitation.
- Q7.** Do you send us the budget in Excel?
- A.** Yes, it is included with this Addendum.



Q8. Is the meeting being recorded?

A. No.

Q9. Will these questions and responses be included on the next Addendum.

A. Yes.

Adult Protective Services (421-LIFE) • Cash & Food Assistance • Medicaid • Child Care Services
Child Support Enforcement • Children's Services (241-KIDS) • Workforce Development



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