

June 6, 2023

**HCJFS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
INDEPENDENT LIVING
RFP SC02-23R**

ADDENDUM 2

Providers in Attendance for RFP Conference

Changing Lives Youth Services
CHOICES
Dee's Place
ENA, Inc. dba Necco

Lighthouse Youth & Family Services
New Path Child & Family Solutions
Step Higher, Inc. – Nella's Place
The Buckeye Ranch
The Peace Agency

Questions asked during RFP Conference

- Q1.** In the past we have used the Daniel Memorial Assessment. Is this acceptable or should we switch to the Casey Assessment?
- a. HCJFS is using the ODJFS recommended Casey Assessment, and it is sent to Providers with HCJFS youth by Jackie Cunningham. Please complete these assessments and return them to her.
 - b. We are sending the soft copy document as a part of this addendum for future reference and use.

Comment - OhioRISE is up to 21. At 21 they are no longer eligible.

- Q2.** Several times in the RFP, it mentions use of the Ansell Casey. Can you talk about your acceptance of Life Skills Reimagined, which maps to those domains?

A. See response to Q1 above.

- Q3.** Can you clarify referral timeline expectations, in terms of “Business Day” vs. “24 hours” (page 9 of RFP)?
- A.** We are requesting the 24-hour **response** in the event we are making referrals outside of traditional business hours. This is not necessarily requiring acceptance of referrals within 24 hours.
- Q4.** Can you provide additional information (specifically logistics) about obtaining bank accounts for minors? Most banks require adult co-owners of the account.
- a. CinFed allows youth 16 and older to open an account without an adult “co-signing” who have a job with at least two paystubs. We are looking into whether a “stipend payment check” will qualify as a pay stub.
- b. We are getting additional information regarding requirements for opening of a savings account vs a checking account.
- Q5.** Can you talk more about why the language was added regarding not utilizing SNAP benefits?
- a. While youth are in custody, we do not want them to be meeting basic needs using public assistance.
- b. SNAP benefits will soon have requirements for employment/education participation and are time limited.
- c. Providers need to be fully accommodating youth’s food needs with stipends and other methods and is fully reimbursable through per diems.
- d. Providers are also expected to educate youth about shopping, meal planning and preparation, and budgeting.
- e. SNAP benefit however could be a part of the youth’s emancipation planning.
- Q6.** Can reference letters be letters we have obtained recently for other proposals?
- A.** Yes, if they are for Independent Living or other placement service within the last six months.
- Q7.** Are there specific forms/reports that we are to use to capture the Quality Improvement data (page 23)?
- A.** HCJFS does not have any recommended forms or reports. Provider agencies need to use their own quality improvement documents/reports.
- Q8.** Our current IL contract expires on 8/31/23, will the current contract be extended until 12/1/23?
- A.** Current network provider contracts will be extended to 11/30/2023; this was communicated at the most recent Quarterly Provider meeting. Your contract specialist will be in touch with an extension to sign. This will also include newly developed performance incentives.



Q9. Can we get the Services Grid and Program Component checklist in Word format?

A. Yes. They will be emailed to registered providers and posted with the Addenda and RFP on the HCJFS website.

Q10. Can you clarify the new incentives/per diem increases for placing older youth and how this pertains to IL?

A. There will be a new rate for youth ages 10 years of age and older with an additional \$40.00.

