

Department of Children and Family
Services
RFP # 3000019020 – Transitional Living Program

Addendum #2

Revised Schedule of Events and Additional Questions and Answers

Schedule of Events

Section 1.6 Schedule of Events is hereby amended:

| Event | Date |
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| RFP advertised in newspapers and posted to LaPAC: | 5/5/2022 |
| Deadline for receipt of written inquiries: | 5/19/2022 |
| Deadline to answer written inquiries (on or about): | 5/27/2022 6/6/2022 |
| Deadline for receipt of proposals: | 6/9/2022 2:30 PM 6/20/2022 2:30 PM |
| Presentations & Discussions (if applicable): Those Proposers reasonably susceptible of receiving an award will be selected to provide On Site presentations or demonstrations of services and/or products. | TBD |
| Notice of Intent to award announcement, and 14-day protest period begins (on or about): | 8/12/2022 8/17/2022 |
| Contract execution (on or about): | 9/30/2022 10/10/2022 |

NOTE: The Department reserves the right to revise this schedule. Revisions before the deadline for receipt of electronic proposals, if any, will be formalized by the issuance of an addendum to the RFP.

Written Questions and Answers

RFP Questions and Answers:

Question 1: . Reference RFP, page 34, A. Assessment & Planning, paragraph 3, The Program shall include Family Team Meetings for assessment and planning.

This section references Family Team Meetings

Please clarify requirement for family team meetings, many of the residents in our current TLP program, have parental rights terminated and no contact with any other family members.

Answer: The Family Team Meetings do not need to include birth parents but anyone the young person wants to include in the meeting especially anyone the youth feels is a permanent connection. The contractor will not need to facilitate the meeting but will need to be a participant.

Question 2: Reference RFP: page 36, E. Programmatic Requirements, Bullet point 2 Contractor shall ensure that all licensed staff remains licensed by their regulatory board.

This section references licensed staff.

Q2. Please clarify if there is a requirement for licensed staff?

Answer: No, there is not a requirement that staff have a license. However, any professional assigned to the Program that requires a license to practice in their field will need to maintain that license for the term of the contract.

Question 3: Reference RFP, page 36, E. Programmatic Requirements, Bullet point 5, Contractor shall work in partnership with Independent Living Providers designated by the State, the youth, and/or DCFS Staff to establish in home practices to reach independence.

This section references Independent Living Providers.

Please clarify who are the current Independent Living Providers and the age requirement to receive services.

Answer: Currently the Independent Living Providers are Goodwill Industries of Northern Louisiana, Goodwill Industries of Southeast Louisiana, Empower 225 and United Methodist Children and Families, Inc. These providers serve youth 14-21 who are currently in foster care or who were in foster care at 16 or older. Young adults receiving services through the Extended Foster Care Program will not receive services through the Independent Living Programs.

Question 4: Reference RFP, page 39, Section B Housing, Bullet points 6 & 7, Sharing sleep space and Same sex 16 & 17-year olds are allowed to share sleep spaces.

This section references sleeping spaces.

Please clarify how programs are to handle the LGBTQ residents? Is there a DCFS Foster Care Policy Manual?

Answer: Youth who self-identify as LGBTQ shall not be treated differently in terms of sleeping arrangements or housing placement. All of DCFS's Foster Care Policies are LGBTQ inclusive and can be accessed at the DCFS Policies webpage at <http://www.dss.state.la.us/page/511>.

Question 5: Reference RFP, page 47, Section 4.2 Performance Measures/Evaluations, Bullet point 1 and 2.

This section references contract monitor metrics.

Please clarify the calculation of the metrics, does the calculation only impact residents who exited the program during that quarter, we can think of several scenarios which will greatly impact this metrics which might not be accounted for, what if the TLP program or DCFS worker removes the resident due to these following behaviors by resident.

- Resident begins using drugs, refuses treatment.
- Resident is jailed, due to pending charges.
- Resident refuses to work or go to school.

The 90% goal seems high based on the residents we often receive referrals for, especially in light of the type of behaviors they have exhibited in the past.

Answer:

Yes, the calculation only impacts residents who exited the program during the quarter. Contractors will not be penalized for residents that are discharged because they need higher levels of care due to mental health, substance abuse or if they are a safety risk to the program.

Section 4.2 metrics are not subject to the 90% threshold or the Performance Improvement Plan.

RFP Revisions

Section 1.5 Definitions

Add:

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| Family Team Meetings | An Agency-facilitated meeting of the caseworker and other team members with the youth and their parents/caregivers, or the youth’s self-identified family, in order to understand the family situation or youth needs for independence, recognize family or youth strengths, identify family or youth challenges, make decisions, set goals and achieve desired outcomes. |
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Section 2.1 A. Assessment & Planning

Change from: “The Program shall include Family Team Meetings for assessment and planning.”

To: “The Program shall participate in Agency-facilitated Family Team Meetings to assess and plan for the youth’s desired outcomes.”