

**Request for Applications  
To Provide Cultural and Racially Equitable Safety Management  
Services**

**RFA #CN2017-01**

**Questions and Answers**

<http://www.childnet.us/portal/request-for-proposals>.

Q. What is service period for this pilot program?

A. The pilot program occurred “between November 2016 and June 2017. This RFA is to build upon the success made during the pilot period during the months of November 2016 and June 2017.

Q. Is there a predetermined/ideal number of families to be served during this period?

A. ChildNet is seeking applications from community agencies to build upon the success made during the pilot period. There is no predetermined number of families to be served. During the months of November 2016 and May 2017, 106 children received Safety Management Services.

Q. Is there a predetermined budget for the cost of the program?

A. The total is approximately \$228,000.

Q. Is there a preferred range for the length of service each family will spend in the pilot program?

A. Safety Management Services is time-limited and provided for no more than 45 days.

Q. In addition we would like to make a public request of the budget that was utilized for the pilot program.

Q. Would Safety Management Services require the provider to respond to crisis in the home within 2 hours at any given moment?

A. Responses to this Request for Applications must address service provision from case referral from Child Protective Investigations to face-to-face contact with each family within 2 hours of the referral when (i) present danger threats exists but removal of children is not necessary and within 24 hours (ii) when impending danger threats exists but removal of children is not necessary.

Q. What will the provider's point of entry be regarding cases? Would providers be expected to be prepared to deescalate or will deescalation be concluded prior to receiving cases?

A. The provider will be expected to address and de-escalate the crisis. Please refer to page 5 of the RFA regarding crisis management. Crisis management may require different approaches which could include, but not be limited to, updating the family's safety plan, visiting the home on an emergency basis to help the family get through the crisis, referring the family for other services, or the children may need to be removed. Each crisis will require case-by-case assessment of the family's specific situation and/or consultation with Child Protective Investigations.

Q. Are referrals strictly funneled through ChildNet or Child Protective Investigations? Are we allowed to receive referrals from other sources?

A. Referrals for Safety Management Services are funneled through Child Protective Investigations. Under unique circumstances, ChildNet may engage the provider directly.

Q. Will the staff serving this grant be co-located with BSO or will they be working out of Banyan's office? A. They will be housed with BSO.

Q. I tried to log on to the website listed in the RFA for Questions and Answers and I couldn't find it. Was it listed correctly in the RFA? <http://www.childnet.us/dbwc.asp>?

A. No questions and answers were previously posted. The link has been updated as indicated below. <http://www.childnet.us/portal/request-for-proposals>.

Q. Can you tell me the number of families ChildNet expects provider to serve in a period of a year?

A. There was a total of 618 abuse reports from January 2017 to June 2017 but not all of them were referred for safety management services.

Q. What is the current amount of funding for this RFA?

A. The total is approximately \$228,000.

Q. What is the method of reimbursement?

A. Fixed Price.

Q. Given the vast amount of information required to respond to this RFA is there a possibility of extending the deadline.

A. Unfortunately, the deadline cannot be extended.

Q. I am still not sure exactly what services you're looking for? This RFA is for the provision of Cultural and Racially Equitable Safety Management Services as defined on page 3 of the RFA.

Q. Who can apply?

A. Interested Applicants must be located in the 33311 or 33313 Broward County Zip Codes.

Q. Our organization is housed in the Lauderdale Manors Promised neighborhood, we offer mentoring services and have worked with Juvenile Justice Civil Citation program in the past. We would look to apply for this grant but I'm not sure if we qualify?

A. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to solicit applications from applicants interested in providing Safety Management Services in Broward County's Zip Codes 33311 and 33313. Interested Applicants must be located in the 33311 or 33313 Broward County Zip Codes.

Q. How can we get more information to determine if we should apply?

A. The purpose of this Request for Applications (RFA) is to solicit applications from applicants interested in providing Safety Management Services in Broward County's Zip Codes 33311 and 33313. Interested Applicants must be located in the 33311 or 33313 Broward County Zip Codes.

Q. is there a specific location of where to find information on these best practice approaches?

A. Black Administrators in Child Welfare  
<http://blackadministrators.org/>

Casey Family Programs-Community of Hope  
<https://www.casey.org/2020-building-communities-of-hope/>

Strengthening Families Protective Factors  
[https://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/2014/The-Strengthening-Families-Approach-and-Protective-Factors-Framework\\_Branching-Out-and-Reaching-Deeper.pdf](https://www.cssp.org/reform/strengtheningfamilies/2014/The-Strengthening-Families-Approach-and-Protective-Factors-Framework_Branching-Out-and-Reaching-Deeper.pdf)