**Request for Proposals**

**Residential Services in Palm Beach County**

**RFP #CN2013-02**

**Questions and Answers**

Q. What does ChildNet want the Unit Rate to consist of?

A. You will build your rate based on items such as, but not limited to the following: salaries, fringe benefits, rent/mortgage, utilities, equipment, professional fees, client related expenses, etc.ds

Q. Is this meant to include foster parent payments, medical expenses, youth allowance? Or just the cost of operating the program by the provider?

A. Depending on your proposed program model, your budget could potentially include these items.

Q. Is ChildNet willing to fund start-up expenses such as a Foster Parent Recruiter?

A. ChildNet is willing to discuss this during contract negotiations with the selected provider.

Q.  Can ChildNet guarantee a set number of referrals to a provider if they receive an award?

A. ChildNet cannot guarantee a set number of referrals to a provider upon award. However, there are a great number of children entering the foster care system who are in need of residential placement.

Q. Is ChildNet looking for enhanced foster homes that includes a therapy component for these youth?

A. ChildNet is seeking proposals from organizations that can provide a collaborative and innovative program structure.

Q. Would ChildNet be interested in funding evidence-based reunification programs for youth that would reduce their length of length of stay in placement?

A. For this purposes of this RFP, ChildNet is only seeking residential services.

Q.    Would ChildNet be willing to entertain community-based alternatives to foster homes/residential placement that stay within the rates listed?

A.     For the purposes of this RFP, ChildNet is only seeking residential services.

Q.    How many of the children who would be placement in proposed programs have families that they will be working toward reunification with (as opposed to children where reunification is not an option)?

A.     This RFP is to build residential capacity for all children within our care regardless of their permanency goal. Of the target group analyzed in this request, 28% had a goal of reunification.

Q.    Is ChildNet interested in Transition-To-Independent-Living or Independent Living programs?

A.       For the purposes of this RFP, ChildNet is seeking residential services for children in foster care between the ages of 0 and 21.