Request for Proposals

Adoption and Permanency Support Services

RFP #CN2015-01

Questions and Answers

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Q. How much funding is available in total and what was the average or range each funded program received last year?

A. The total funding anticipated for this project is $205,034. Last year's funding in this area was $302,000.

Q. Could you provide a list of last years funded agencies, amount funded, number of children served, etc?

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Last Year's Funded Agencies	Kids in Distress	Children's Home Society
Total Funding	$152,000	$150,000
Number of Children Served	42	58

Q. What is a typical unit rate, are there different types of billable units or just one, and is there a set minimum or maximum of units each client receives?

A. ChildNet is seeking to buy the best services at the most favorable, competitive prices. Please refer to page 12, section C, Cost Pricing and Method of Payment for Proposed Services. There is no minimum or maximum amount of units each client receives. However, each client can only remain in the program when it is therapeutically necessary.

Q. Is there a minimum number of clients that need to be proposed to serve?

A. ChildNet expects that each Applicant will design a program that meets the minimum requirements outlined in the RFP.

Q. To clarify, is it correct that we would have no part in the housing of the children or the placing of a child? We would simply be assisting the adoption agency with the social services/case management part once they are placed?

A. The Applicant will have no part in the housing of the children or the placing of a child. This RFP is locate Adoption and Permanency Support Services for pre- and post-adoptive children and their families.

Q. And would there be an established relationship with foster/adoption agencies to provide us with these referrals in the tri-county area?

A. Referrals for Adoption and Permanency Support Services will be sent to the selected Applicant by each child's assigned Case Manager. In many instances, referrals for Permanency Support Services will be sent by ChildNet's Post Adoption Specialist who forwards referrals once an adoptive family reaches out for post-adoption services.

Q. Are they any age, diagnoses, or other exclusions to who we could propose to serve?
A. There is no age, diagnoses, or other exclusions for which the Applicant can propose to serve.

Q. The RFP mentions a 'wrap around system of care'. Is there specific literature or a model pertaining to this that we should be following and if so where can we obtain information on this?
A. ChildNet encourages each Applicant to review best practice approaches and submit a comprehensive proposal for the proposed services. The Wraparound approach is highly publicized and can be researched to determine which approach would be the best suited for the Applicant. The Applicant is tasked with providing a response that demonstrates that the services being proposed will meet the needs of the identified target population.

Q. Will these services be mandatory for adoptive parents or is this is a voluntary option?
A. The services are voluntary for adoptive parents but in unique circumstances could be mandated.

Q. Is there a specific model or therapy that is required to use? We are trained in Nurturing Parenting Program for families with children with special health care needs. It includes parent and child education, parenting techniques, services plans, assessments, and case management among other things. Can we propose to utilize this model for our program?
A. ChildNet is seeking proposals that provide innovative approaches to the delivery of adoption and permanency support services. Each Applicant is required to demonstrate how the services being proposed will be tailored to meet the needs of the identified target population.

Q. Is this program for families at risk of having their biological children removed, for recently re-unified families, or strictly for new adoptions or adoptions that are not going successfully?
A. This RFP is for Adoption and Permanency Support Services that will support children and their pre-adoptive families throughout the adoption process and to support families who have adopted children from the dependency system and are at risk of adoption disruption.

Q. Could we propose to have a unit rate for additional support services for the family such as respite care, or just strictly work with the social worker?
A. ChildNet is seeking to buy the best services at the most favorable, competitive prices. Please refer to page 12, section C, Cost Pricing and Method of Payment for Proposed Services. There are no barriers limiting the Applicant from submitting a unique approach to service provision that will meet the needs of the identified target population.

Q. Our agency and staff specialize in services for children with many forms of special needs, including delays, autism, and various special health care or medical needs. Could we propose to specifically serve children with special needs and their families, or would you require that any funded program also propose to serve typically developing children as well?
A. Applicants may submit proposals for the identified target population. There are no limitations for the Applicant seeking to serve a subset of the identified target population identified outlined in the RFP.

Q. Regarding RFP #CN2015-01 to provide Adoption and Permanency Support Services, is here a total dollar amount or maximum amount of the funding available?
A. $205,034.

Q. Would a company be required to be establish as a 501 c3 (non profit)?
A. ChildNet is seeking applications from for-profit and non-profit community based organizations. A company is not required to be established as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Q. What's the stimulus amount per child?
A. We are unable to provide an answer as this question is not clear.