**Request for Proposals**

**Residential Services in Broward County**

**RFP #CN2013-03**

**Questions and Answers**

<http://www.childnet.us/portal/request-for-proposals/CN2013-03>

Q. For the statistics given on page 4, can you clarify the number of male and female teenagers to whom placements were unavailable during the timeframe used? Or, can you explain the general trend in the percentage of girls in need of placement compared to the number of boys?

A. The chart below provides both the number and percentage of boys and girls in need of placement over the past three years.

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| **Gender** | FY 10/11 | FY 11/12 | FY 12/13 | FY 13/14-Q1 | FY 13/14-Q2 |
| #  | % | #  | % | #  | % | #  | % | #  | % |
| Male | 565 | 50.58% | 555 | 49.03% | 709 | 51.56% | 190 | 51.35% | **183** | **51.26%** |
| Female | 552 | 49.42% | 577 | 50.97% | 666 | 48.44% | 180 | 48.65% | **174** | **48.74%** |

Q. What are the per diem rates ChildNet currently pays for comparable services, in-county or out-of-county? Can you specify the types of services those rates cover?

A. The rates vary by program type and are negotiable based on the proposed programming. The specific rates are not included in this response due to the myriad of factors that determines each program’s rate.

* All agencies providing foster care services, at a minimum, provides recruitment, retention, training, emergency respite and support services to foster parents. However, enhanced foster care, professional foster homes, and foster family group home programs are designed to meet specialized needs of children and offer varying services to address areas such as behavioral and mental health, developmentally delayed, medically needy, educational deficits, and/or delinquency issues.
* Teen respite or shelter care programs provide twenty-four hour a day room, board, care and supervision to children, provide timely intervention and coordination of services to children, and assist ChildNet in locating a more permanent placement for children and siblings in shelter care, either through reunification with family or placement in an alternate setting such as a foster home or group home.
* Traditional residential group care programs provide twenty-four hour a day room, board, care and supervision to children that addresses each child’s physical, social, and emotional needs through timely intervention and coordination of services to prepare the youth for less restrictive placement or family reunification. ChildNet also subcontracts with several of its local providers to provide residential group care services to children with specialized needs. The programming and services for these residential programs is designed to meet the unique needs of children who are exhibiting behaviors, such as but is not limited to, maladaptive behaviors, oppositional and defiant behaviors, and delinquency. Other specialized programming includes pregnant and parenting teens and children with developmental disabilities.

Q. Of the sibling groups, what are the average ranges between siblings? In other words, what are the ages of the youngest and oldest siblings in a sibling group?

A. The chart below reflects the average age range for siblings removed between October and December.

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|  | **Oct. 13** | **Nov. 13** | **Dec. 13** |
| **Age Range for siblings removed** | **0 – 16.75** | **0 – 17.19** | **0 – 17.70** |

Q.  What are the average number of siblings in need of placement together? What is the range?

A. The first chart below reflects the average number of siblings in need of placements between October and December. The second chart reflects the average number of siblings in need of placement during the same time period.

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|   | **Oct. 13** | **Nov. 13** | **Dec. 13** |
| **Average Age for siblings removed** | **6.73** | **8.15** | **5.62** |

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| **Average Number of Siblings in need of placement for Q2** | **27.6** |
| **sibling groups** |

Q. For the teenagers in need of placements, how many of them have family/caregiver reunification as a goal? How many of them will be transitioning to adulthood alone (especially older youth)? What happens at age 18 at present for these youth?

A.   This RFP is to build residential capacity for all children within our care regardless of their permanency goal. ChildNet is also seeking residential services for children in foster care between the ages of 0 and 21. Currently, under Florida Law, children who reach their eighteenth birthday now have the option to remain in Extended Foster Care foster until they reach age 21, or age 22 with a documented disability.