

## Questions Regarding Title IV-E Foster Care Administrative Contract Review Services

1. Do any of the counties in the request including those in South Central Ohio currently have a Title IV-E Waiver?

No waivers known at this time.

2. When we test financial statements, payroll and assets purchased it may be difficult if not impossible to segregate the private agency's business with the particular counties in question from its business with other counties or customers. Is that understood and acceptable?

Yes.

3. Who sets rates for the providers?

Providers' rate ceilings are negotiated between the provider and the State of Ohio. Each placement agency/county, then establishes a specific rate for the children they placed using an "individual child care agreement" (ICCA). The ICCA governs the placement by outlining expectations and per diem rates.

4. Out of the 50-75 providers of IV-E services, how many reviews do you expect to be completed in the first year? Who will select the providers to review?

A rough estimate would be 25 reviews in the first year. The chosen monitor/reviewer will work with the counties to determine where children are placed and use that to develop a plan of action. Some of the IV-E providers with whom we have contracts do not have any children placed with them (and therefore will not need monitored).

5. Do these reviews fit within a contractual obligation between the county and the provider? That is, will the provider be required to cooperate?

Yes, the IV-E master agreements between the providers and the respective counties require compliance with monitoring visits conducted on behalf of the county.

6. Is there an incumbent group performing this or similar work? If so, who?

For a number of years, the consortium worked with an independent subcontractor, Chris Innis, who indicated he no longer wishes to perform the IV-E monitoring visits. Licking County JFS also has on its staff experienced monitors who have conducted similar reviews.

7. Do you have a budget or expected cost for this project? If so, what?

While we are awaiting responses to the RFP to identify market rate/reasonable unit rates and establish a budget, we anticipate a total annual investment of \$30,000.00 or less.