

## 8/2/21 Home and Community Based Services for Children and Families - Bidder's Conference Questions & Answers:

Q: Do you have an estimated number you are looking for?

A: This is always a hard question for us to answer. We currently have 357 children in our custody and an additional 23 children not in our custody that we are working with (this is 249 families). Of those families, 67 are still working a reunification plan (199 children). It is hard to tell how many of those families are actively engaged in services, but they could all potentially be referred to homebased services.

Q: This is the same RFP that was put out a few years ago, correct?

A: Yes, we must do a new RFP every 3 years. So basically "reapply"? Yes, resubmit your proposal.

Q: You mentioned non-Medicaid funded, can you give an example of that for wrap around services?

A: Service Coordination is a way of organizing, or managing, many types of services and supports received by family members. Family members work with a team of professionals and others who are committed to helping them be successful by using services and supports in the best way possible. The process begins with an assessment of the family/child needs and strengths and assembling a team of both professionals and natural supports who work together to develop a written plan that is unique to each child and family. This plan is used to guide the work of the family team through meetings.

Wraparound is an intensive, holistic method of engaging individuals and families with complex needs. Wraparound service often involves individualized planning and coordination of services from multiple providers and systems. Wraparound is driven by the needs of the family/child rather than services.

Q: When you say non-clinical, what are you looking for there?

A: Non-clinical, peer-to-peer support groups designed to help develop and enhance appropriate parenting skills. Leadership typically comes from parents who have a personal experience in the focus area of the support group. Groups may be facilitated by a trained parent/consumer, but the types of help offered in peer-to-peer support groups are considered non-professional. Non-clinical parent support groups do **not** include group therapy sessions or those support groups that require the participation, facilitation, and/or leadership of a trained clinician.

Q. One of the services we are proposing to provide in our response is out-of-home respite services. We would leverage licensed foster families to provide this service. ...where is the appropriate place on the budget to include those expenses?

A. Include in-home and out-of-home respite services costs on the Operations tab under Other/Misc. Also include the cost in the Salary tab. On the Summary Sheet, itemize all services at the end of the chart. Simply add the lines under "Total Requested from JFS."



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