

DATE 02/15/12

TO: ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS

FROM: H. Ryan Bolles
DSCYF – Contract Administrator

SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) – CYF12-01 Interventions for Pre-Trial Youth and Probation/Adjudicated Youth

ADDENDUM #1

The following questions are being answered to add clarity for all potential bidders:

QUESTION: How should the cost of the evidence based services as referenced on page 3 of the RFP such as the “FIT” reentry program be accounted for in the cost presented in the proposal?

ANSWER: All costs related to proposed services shall be included in the bidder’s proposed cost structure provided in the proposal.

QUESTION: Should bidders include substance abuse services in their proposals?

ANSWER: No, substance abuse services are accessed through separate contractors.

QUESTION: How long is a typical youth in “pre-trial” status?

ANSWER: The period of “pre-trial” status varies by youth based upon the circumstances from a few weeks to several months.

QUESTION: What types of case management and service activities are and are not expected from contractors for “pre-trial” youth referenced on page 3 of the RFP?

ANSWER: The following paragraphs describes the typical case management request in this RFP:

Pre-trial case management would include the following: close enforcement of the conditions of bail dispositions, at least weekly face to face contact with the youth (either in school or at home) random curfew checks, daily curfew phone calls, school attendance, and contact with parent/guardian. The case manager would be present in court, to make appropriate recommendations for sentencing, in consultation with a DYRS representative. If a GPS is part of the bail conditions, DYRS will install the ankle monitor and keep track of the youth’s movements. If a breach is necessary, DYRS staff will file the charge and provide the pre-trial case manager with information to support the breach and subsequent recommendations in court.

QUESTION: Can DSCYF provide more information regarding evidence based programming models referenced on page 3 of the RFP?

ANSWER: The following are websites which will provide additional information:

www.ojjdp.gov
www.modelsforchange.net
www.nationalgirlsinsttute.org

QUESTION: Can DSCYF provide more information regarding the PACT assessment referenced on pg 5 or the RFP?

ANSWER: The following will provide additional information:

Use of this assessment tools helps DSCYF to determine the risk for re-offending, whether it be low, moderate, moderate-high or high. The tool considers both static and dynamic risk factors, and identifies criminogenic needs (dynamic risk factors demonstrated through research to predict recidivism). The PACT also highlights protective factors, prioritizes needs for targeted case planning, and indicates mental health or substance abuse evaluation needs.

- PACT Domains
- School
 - Use of Free Time
 - Employment
 - Relationships
 - Family History Living Arrangements
 - Substance Abuse
 - Mental Health
 - Attitudes/Behaviors
 - Aggression
 - Skills

Examples of Dynamic Risk are as follows:

Conning/Manipulation, Impulsivity, Low Frustration Tolerance, Danger/Thrill Seeking, Poor Consequential Thinking, Poor Option Generation, Egocentrism, Non-Empathy, Externalization/Blaming, Hostility/Resistance Toward Work, Attachment to Criminal Activities, Poor Use of Leisure Time, Affiliation with Criminals, Boredom/Dissatisfaction, Drug Abuse History, Poor Family Relations, Conflicts with Authority, Conflicts with Peers, Poverty of Social Skills, Poor Recognition of Patterned Responses

Research has provided **evidence that these eight risk factors pose the greatest risk to involvement in delinquent or criminal behavior**, therefore targeting efforts on these areas will provide the best opportunity for us to improve individual youth outcomes and reduce recidivism.

1. Anti-Social/Pro-Criminal attitudes, values, beliefs
2. Pro-criminal Associates and Isolation from Anti-criminal Peers
3. Temperamental and personality factors conducive to criminal activity
4. History of anti-social behavior/low self control
5. Current dysfunctional family features
6. Low levels of educational or vocational achievement
7. Low levels of involvement in pro-social leisure activities
8. Abuse of alcohol and/or drugs

According to research, treatment programs which target identified criminogenic needs reduce recidivism, whereas treatment programs which address needs outside of the eight identified areas above actually result in increased recidivism.

QUESTION: How many youth does DSCYF currently have assigned to a probation officer (PO)?

ANSWER: The following will provide additional information:

DSCYF currently has approximately 1082 youth assigned to probation officers:

City of Wilmington ~ 262

Balance of NCC ~ 391

Kent County ~ 231

Sussex County ~ 198

QUESTION: Can DSCYF provide more information regarding the number of youth PACT assessed which might be referred for services?

ANSWER: The following will provide additional information on PACT assessed DSCYF youth:

PACT Assessed Youth Statistics

Of the previously mentioned 1082 youth on PO caseloads nearly 900 youth have been assessed using the electronic PACT since September 19, 2011. The rest (nearly 200) were assessed on the paper version of the PACT and are therefore **not** represented in the following data.

This data represents the items of risk endorsed by all youth, regardless of their risk to re-offend. The categories appear in order of the category most to least often endorsed.

1. Temperamental and Personality Factors Conducive to Criminal Activity
 - Aggression
 - 53% believe physical aggression is sometimes or often appropriate
 - Impulsive/Acts Before Thinking
 - 46% of youth scored as impulsive or highly impulsive
 - Frustration Tolerance
 - 74% of youth have only little to some tolerance for frustration.
2. Current Dysfunctional Family Features
 - Level of conflict between parents, between minor and parents and among siblings
 - 48.5% of youth endorsed family conflict which can include verbal intimidation, yelling, heated arguments, threats of physical abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse and/or domestic violence.
 - Parents characterization of minor's anti-social behavior
 - Although the majority of parents disapprove of their youth's anti-social behavior, 20% minimize/blame/justify the behavior or accept it as okay.
3. Pro-Criminal Associates and Isolation from Anti-Criminal Peers
 - Current friends/companions with whom the minor actually spends time
 - 78.7% of youth associate with anti-social friends or have no consistent friends or companions.
 - Many of the youth with anti-social friends also stated they have pro-social friends as well.

4. Anti-Social/Pro-Criminal attitudes, values and beliefs
 - Attitude toward responsible law-abiding behavior
 - 36.4% of youth believe laws sometimes apply to them and
 - 10.6% believe laws do not apply to them or they are defiant toward laws.
 - Empathy, remorse, sympathy or fillings for the victim(s) of criminal behavior
 - 22.3% of youth have no empathy for the victim and
 - 47% only have some empathy for the victim
 - Respect for property of others
 - 34.2% of youth have only conditional respect for property of others and
 - 11.2% have no respect for the property of others.
 - Respect for authority figures
 - 21.9% of youth do not respect authority figures,
 - 8.1% of youth resent authority figures and
 - 4.9% of youth express hostility or anger toward authority figures
 - Accepts responsibility for anti-social behavior
 - 44.7% of youth minimize or justify their behavior and
 - 11.5% accept or are proud of their anti-social behavior.
5. Low Levels of Educational or Vocational Achievement
 - Academic Performance in the most recent term
 - 47.3% of youth have a 2.0 GPA or worse
 - *85% of youth are enrolled in some type of educational program*
6. Low-Levels of Involvement in Pro-Social Leisure Activities
 - 76% of youth are not involved in structured pro-social activities
 - 62% of youth are not involved in or engaged with unstructured pro-social activities.
7. Abuse of Alcohol or Drugs
 - 28.6% of youth are using alcohol
 - 66.8% of youth are using drugs (marijuana is most used)
 - Drug use is disruption education for 20% of those using
 - Drug use is causing family conflict for 25% of those using and
 - Contributing to delinquent behavior for 25% of those using
8. History of Anti-Social Behavior/Low Self-Control
 - 40% of youth have against person misdemeanor adjudications
 - 9% of youth have against person felony adjudications
 - 58% were 14 or younger at the time of their first adjudicated offense.
 - *Only 36% of youth have knowledge of and use advanced social skills in dealing with others*
 - *Only 8.5% consistently use skills in difficult situations*

Of these 900 electronically assessed youth almost 750 youth are currently assigned to a PO, and therefore may be in need of a support service. The following data represents the percentage of youth who scored in the moderate-high to high risk range for each of the below listed domains related to criminogenic needs:

1. Aggression – 47%
2. Current Living Arrangements (Family Functioning) – 41%
3. Current Relationships (Includes Anti-Social Peers) – 40 %

4. Attitudes/Behaviors – 39%
5. Current School Status – 39%
6. Skills – 36%
7. Current Use of Free Time – 35%
8. Alcohol and Drug Use – 29%

QUESTION: Will DSCYF post the list of the bidders' conference attendees?

ANSWER: Yes, see the following two pagebelow:

DSCYF ATTENDANCE SHEET

Pre-Bid Conference - RFP #CYF12-01 Intervention for Pre-Trial & Probation/Adjudicated Youth

DATE: 2/13/12

One Per Agency

NAME	AGENCY/COMPANY	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Michelle Johnson	Wraparound Delaware	302-504-8987	mjohnson@wraparoundde.com
Liz Wagenhoffer	Vision Quest	302-661-1826	Liz.Wagenhoffer@vq.com
Tracy M. Washington	PCS - Dover DE	202-672-7159	twashington@ps-corp.net
Carlin Lewis	AMS MidAtlantic	302-325-5540	clewis1@msonline.org
Valerie Waddell	AbraXas	302-422-0600 Ext	ms.v.waddell@abraXasifs.com
Lashie Becker	Brandymme Consulting	202 503 2192	L.Becker@brandymme-consulting.com
Bonita Boyd	(PAC) Police Athletic League of Wilm	302 764 6170	bonita.boyd@palw.org

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

If you have any questions, please contact H. Ryan Bolles at 302-633-2701 or herbert.bolles@state.de.us