

RFP CYF 18-01 Questions/Answers
ADDENDUM #1

TO: ALL POTENTIAL BIDDERS

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SUBJECT: ADDENDUM TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) – CYF18-01 Adolescent Sex Offender - Home-Based Family Support Outpatient/Wraparound Services

There are references on page 6 and 7 to the use of the ERASOR assessment tool. However, that tool is no longer in use and bidders should be prepared to utilize the PROFESOR assessment tool when completing maintenances assessments for youth in their care. Free online training is available from the developer of the PROFESOR assessment tool (Dr. James Worling Ph.D, C.Psych.).

1. **Question:** Which residential ASO providers does DYRS use?
Answer: All ASO specific residential providers are outside of Delaware. The continuum includes: Whitney Academy (MA), UHS of Coastal Harbor (GA), Diversified Treatment (PA), Lakeside for Children (MI), White Deer Run (PA), Woodward Youth Corporation (IA). Note that not all have active placements. Additional providers could be added over time.
2. **Question:** About how many youth are in residential placement? What is the average length of stay?
Answer: There are approximately 8 youth in residential ASO placement currently. The average length of stay is 12-18 months.
3. **Question:** About how many youth are currently receiving the community based wrap around services being bid?
Answer: **Currently** there are approximately 18 youth in Sussex County, 15 youth in Kent County and 15 youth in New Castle County. These numbers **regularly** vary by county.
4. **Question:** Is one goal of the community based services to reduce or defer out of state residential ASO placements?
Answer: Yes, that is one of the long-term goals.
5. **Question:** Does all of the bidder staff need to have ASO training?
Answer: In order to provide the strongest program it is hoped all bidder staff will have specialized ASO training. The bidder should identify what it believes is the correct training/credentials.
6. **Question:** What are some of the current barriers to providing these community based services?
Answer: Some barriers include the following: some youth have victims in their home, some older youth may age out before completing the program, and some municipalities have restrictions of youth living in the municipality although there is legislation being considered to prohibit any restriction being more restrictive than the state restrictions. Transportation is also an important factor to consider statewide, but especially in Sussex County. Language barriers also exist statewide, but more frequently in Sussex

County with Spanish, Guatemalan and Haitian. HOWEVER, DYRS will provide access to its translation service providers to the successful bidder(s) at no cost to the bidder.

7. Question: Are bidders being asked to provide “victim” services?
Answer: No, victims should be receiving separate services, however, when it is deemed appropriate and safe victims within the family may be included in the family work the bidder will provide.
8. Question: Where do youth typically return in the community?
Answer: Some youth return home, but others will return to a foster care setting or an independent living setting. There are currently no transitional living services available in Delaware for these youth.
9. Question: Is DYRS open to a shorter length of stay than described in the RFP?
Answer: Yes, DYRS is open to the length of stay which will be successful as supported by outcome data.
10. Question: Does the current provider or the Probation office use GPS monitors? If not, are you interested in this type of monitoring under this contract?
Answer: When GPS is required it will be managed by the DYRS Probation Officer.
11. Question: Can you provide some clarification around the requirement for educational and vocational mentoring? What specific activities are you looking for?
Answer: DYRS would like to hear from the provider how they will support a youth through vocational and educational mentoring and what activities they can offer. Generally, DYRS expects therapists to have some knowledge around career paths which are potential options based on a youth’s adjudications. DYRS expects a therapist to advocate for a youth educationally by attending school meetings and motivating youth towards academic progress, attendance and career goals.
12. Question: Can you provide an IQ range for youth that will be served? For example, do you anticipate the majority of youth being above 70 or do you typically serve youth with IQs lower than 70?
Answer: The majority of youth have an IQ above 70, but certainly there are some below 70.
13. Question: Who is responsible for the registration process (sex offender registration)? Is that the PO or the residential provider or does it fall under this RFP?
Answer: The bidder should be educated on the registration and verification process/requirements to support the youth’s compliance, but they are not responsible in any way for completing it. The probation officer assists with initiating registration when youth are exiting residential placements and the youth is responsible for subsequent ongoing verification requirements once they have returned to the community.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

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