

Family Services Pre-Bid Meeting Questions and Responses:

1. How many children and families will be served?

OEL is looking for services for 144 children/families across the entire state.

2. Will the original grant and the expansion grant be combined?

The intention of the RFP will be to combine the services of the original grant and the expansion grant. In the response, you have the opportunity to write for providing statewide services or localized services.

3. Are their currently different agencies serving the original grant and the extension?

Currently, we have one entity doing the original grant and multiple agencies doing the expansion grant.

4. Will there be more than one agency selected?

Depending on the responses received, there could be multiple agencies selected.

5. What is the timeline for the start of services?

The intention is for the start of services to be July 1, 2018.

6. Will the positions funded through the RFP have any relations with the childcare and the staff?

For the Family Service Workers to be successful, they will have to build relationships with the partners and the staff.

7. In the original grant, Family Service Workers were combined with Technical Assistance to the partners. Is the Technical Assistance piece a separate piece now and not combined with the Family Service Workers?

OEL has separated the Family Service Workers from the Technical Assistance work to be provided. This RFP is only focusing on the Family Service Workers.

8. Will training to support the staff of family service work be built into the funding provided?

Yes. In responding to the RFP, programs should determine the needs of their Family Service Workers and build that into their proposal.

9. In the past, staff qualifications for Family Service Workers were less than what they are now. Will those Family Service Workers be grandfathered in or at least taken into consideration?

Since the RFP is new, the Family Service Workers will be expected to meet the current qualifications.

10. Will the Family Service Workers be required to be National Parents as Teachers certified?

To provide family service work, the Family Service Workers will not be required to be National Parents as Teachers certified.

11. Is there a cap for funding available to provide this work?

Programs responding to this RFP should determine a budget to provide the services necessary. There is no pre-determined amount allocated for this RFP.

12. How many centers are currently part of the First Start Delaware Early Head Start Child Care Partnership?

The programs are listed on the OEL website under First Start Delaware Early Head Start Child Care Partnership.

13. Is there a designated budget form template that should be used in the response?

No, programs are free to use whatever budget template they would like.

14. For Local Education Agencies (LEA), are they required to fill out the business reference section?

LEA's are required to fill out the business reference section but will not have a license number to submit. They will also have an EIN# that will need to be on attachment 2.

15. Is there a designated maximum number of pages that could be submitted?

There is not a designated number of pages for the response to the RFP.

16. Is there a scoring rubric available for view?

The scoring rubric is part of the RFP and located within the document available for public view.

17. Can programs subcontract the work?

Programs are free to subcontract the work as long as they fill out the appropriate attachments on subcontracting.

18. What is the length of the contract once it is awarded?

The term of the contract between the successful bidder and the State shall be for up to one year with 4 optional extensions for a period of one (1) year for each extension.

19. Can programs submit more than one proposal?

Programs are only permitted to submit one proposal for this RFP.