

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

Children's Mental Health System of Care (CMHSOC) Expansion and Sustainability Project

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1. Introduction

This is a Request for Information (RFI) as defined in Section 287.012(22), Florida Statutes, for planning purposes. This RFI is issued by Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, Inc. (CFBHN), to solicit information regarding available vendors that have the skill, knowledge and capability necessary to meet the requirements of the services described herein.

2. Statement of Purpose

CFBHN is seeking a qualified vendor(s) to participate in the implementation of the Children's Mental Health System of Care (CMHSOC) Expansion and Sustainability Project to serve both Pinellas and Pasco Counties. Vendors must indicate their interest in participating in one (and which county) or both counties.

This project utilizes a System of Care (SOC) approach that adheres to SOC principles and values and implements Wraparound, an *intensive, individualized care planning and management process* (National Wraparound Initiative: <http://nwi.pdx.edu/wraparound-basics>), in the provision of services and supports for youth ages 10-16 with early onset of Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED) or Serious Mental Illness (SMI).

The purpose of the CMHSOC Grant is to improve behavioral health outcomes of children and youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) and their families. The CMHSOC Grant funds a strategic initiative under which the Department, Managing Entities, subcontracted Network Service Providers, local project teams and other child serving stakeholders collaborate to expand and sustain outreach and access to community-based children's behavioral health services and supports.

3. Scope of Work

CFBHN will provide the administration, management, support and oversight of SOC Expansion and Sustainability Project array of services. Utilizing the family team planning process in Wraparound, the vendors in **Pasco County** and **Pinellas County** will deliver the following required mental health and support services:

A. CMHSOC-Funded Required Mental Health and Support Services:

1. Diagnostic and evaluation services;
2. Outpatient services, including individual, group and family counseling services; professional consultation; and review and management of medications;

3. 24-hour emergency services, seven days a week;
4. Intensive home-based services for the children and their families when the child is at imminent risk of out-of-home placement;
5. Intensive day treatment services;
6. Respite care;
7. Therapeutic foster care services, services in therapeutic foster family homes or individual therapeutic residential homes, and group homes caring for not more than 10 children;
8. Assisting the child in making the transition from services received as a child to the services to be received as an adult; and
9. Other recovery support services, such as supported employment; and
10. Programs to provide treatment to youth with early onset of SED or Serious Mental Illness (SMI).

B. CMHSOC Funded Other Allowable Services:

1. Training in SOC development and implementation, including evidence-based, practice-based or community-defined interventions;
2. Therapeutic recreational activities;
3. Mental health services (other than residential or inpatient facilities with ten or more beds) that are determined by the individualized care team to be necessary and appropriate and to meet a critical need of the child or the child's family related to the child's mental health needs;
4. Customized suicide prevention and intervention approaches to promote protective factors and intervene as needed to address the needs of children who have been identified as at risk for suicide;
5. Customized suicide prevention interventions which identify children and youth at risk for suicide, including those who need immediate crisis services because of an imminent threat or active suicidal behavior.

C. Recommended Non-CMHSOC-funded Services:

1. Educational services, especially for children and youth who need to be placed in special education programs;
2. Health services, especially for children and youth with co-occurring chronic illnesses;
3. Substance abuse prevention and treatment services, especially for youth with co-occurring substance abuse problems;
4. Protection and advocacy, including informational materials for children with a serious emotional disturbance and their families.

4. Funding

Year 1 (Fiscal Year 2016-2017): \$96,058 per subcontractor (one each in Pasco County and Pinellas County), for a total of \$192,116.

Years 2-4 (Fiscal Years 2017-2020): \$226,492 per subcontractor (one each in Pasco County and Pinellas County), for a total of \$452,984.

5. Vendor Qualifications

- ◆ Must have an active corporate nonprofit status; or
- ◆ Have not had a state contract terminated by the Department or CFBHN for cause.
- ◆ Must have working knowledge and staff trained in the Wraparound process.

6. Letter of Intent

Interested vendors need to submit a letter of intent by **5:00 PM (EST) on Friday, April 7, 2017** to:

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