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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A 2-3 BED CORPORATE CHILDREN'S FOSTER CARE HOME

**NEED: CRISIS AND/OR RESPITE PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN WITH VERY HIGH
NEEDS PROPOSAL DUE DATE: At or Before 4:00 pm August 1st 2018**

McLeod County Social Services is currently requesting proposals for a 2-3 bed corporate Foster Care site to be licensed in McLeod County. The home will be required to be licensed for Child Foster Care, under Minn. Rule 2960.3000 to 2960.3340 and, of course Rule 245D. This home will be utilized for crisis and/or respite placements children up to age 18.

This proposal is contingent on McLeod Social Service Center receiving approval from DHS Foster Care Moratorium staff for beds.

SUMMARY OF NEEDS

McLeod County has had difficulty securing crisis placements for children with a variety of situations that have resulted in an emergency need to leave their parental home. We are specifically looking for waiver-funded residential crisis/respite services for children who have special needs (developmentally disabled, autistic, with mental health issues, child protection issues, etc.). Currently, these children end up in emergency rooms, juvenile detention, being "bounced around" between their family home, relatives, or other very temporary situations due to our inability to secure appropriate placement. These kids require specialized care and behavioral management that is not available in most family foster care homes.

- Provider site must meet standards to be licensed to provide child foster care
- Provider must have the ability to administer medications, including injections (not a current issue, but may be in the future)
- Provider must have the ability to transport clients

SERVICES AND RATES

Generally, service costs will be funded through MA waiver dollars. The services available include the following:

Crisis respite: Short-term care, generally not exceeding 180 days, and intervention strategies provided to a person due to:

- Need for relief and support of the caregiver and protection of the person or others living with the person
- Person's need for behavioral or medical intervention.

The lead agency authorizes crisis respite at the market rate.

- T1005, 15 minute unit
- T1005 TG, specialized 15 minute unit
- S9125, daily unit

Respite-Out-of-Home: Short-term care services provided to a person when his/her primary caregiver is absent or needs relief. Under the BI, CAC, CADI and DD waivers, respite authorized in 15-minute units is a framework service.

Respite authorized in daily units is a market rate service.

- H0045, Respite care services with room and board
- Daily (10 hours or more/day)
- S5150 UB, 15 minute unit

The lead agency uses the Rate Management System (RMS) to determine and/or document rates. Housing Support (previously GRH) is not applicable to this request.

SPECIFIC CURRENT NEEDS

Juan's Info: Right now we have an urgent need to place a 14 year old boy who lives with a moderate intellectual disability, ADHD, Anxiety, and a language and speech disorder. Neuropsychological testing will be completed with this child in the near future. It is believed there are further underlying developmental and mental health concerns that are contributing to the significant difficulties this child is having at home, his school, and in the community.

This child and his family are involved in the McLeod County Courts system through a CHIPS petition and the County is filing permanency for this child. It is believed that long term placement in a group home will best meet this child's needs now and into the future. Less restrictive living options have been explored and have been unsuccessful.

This child will physically resist and aggress towards others when he feels threatened or overwhelmed. The child's triggers are not always avoidable or obvious to his care givers and aggressions may come on suddenly and with intensity. This child has physically assaulted numerous family members, law enforcement officers, a peer, and a teacher across several incidents. This child is also involved in the Juvenile Criminal Court system in McLeod County where he has several different assault charges pending and is also on probation for truancy issues.

Typical behaviors include hitting, punching, biting, pushing, and kicking. Self-injurious behaviors include head banging and scratching at skin with objects until the area bleeds/become infected. The child has displayed property destruction such as punching out/ through windows, doors and walls. The child will need a behavior management plan and strict, consistent, and continuous adherence to the plan by well-trained and experienced staff will be necessary.

This child is independent in mobility and has no specialized medical needs. He is on several different psychotropic medications and sees his psychiatrist quarterly, at a minimum. This child is mostly independent with personal cares and hygiene but may require staff guidance, prompting, and oversight. The child is not able to prepare meals for himself but can eat and drink independently. Though language skills are limited, the child can communicate verbally and can vocalize his wants and needs if he feels comfortable enough.

It is suspected that this child will require 2:1 staffing during the day until he has transitioned and adjusted to his new placement. 1:1 sleep staff at night is expected to be sufficient. This child does enjoy being social with same age peers but it is uncertain if this child will be able to successfully share living arrangements with another resident(s). Separate living arrangements with a separate entrance may be needed at first. The plan is for the child to attend a local school/ special education program during the school year. Transportation to the site may be required.

- D. Qualifications/requirements of supervisory and direct care staff, especially including experience and training related to the target population
- E. Three (3) written references related to past or current service provision. At least one of these references must be from a past or current resident, his or her guardian, or his or her family member(s). (list here and submit attached documents)
- F. At least one (1) reference and documentation demonstrating successful implementation of Positive Behavior Support plans. (list reference here and attach reference document)

G. Written plan for initial and ongoing training for staff. Please outline recent training your organization has provided to direct care workers related to managing unpredictable, aggressive, and physical behaviors

H. Summary that demonstrates your successful ability to serve children with high needs, aggressive and assaultive behaviors and complex emotional needs. Success stories of individual children you have served are encouraged.

I. Please indicate your willingness and ability to serve children as described with county-paid child welfare placements

J. Plan for assuring the ability to adjust and manage staffing as placements change

EVALUATION CRITERIA

CRITERIA	WEIGHT
Ability of provider to demonstrate capacity to meet required elements A-H listed above	30%
Ability of provider to furnish and train staff who are qualified to meet the needs of potential residents	20%
Past experience of provider, with both longevity and scope of experience to be considered	10%
Ability to provide the types and level of services needed, including experience with implementation of Positive Behavioral Supports	20%
Plan and ability to effectively manage changes in residents and staffing	20%

SUBMISSION

Note that a special format for proposals is not dictated. Please assure your proposal, no matter what format you choose, includes information that addresses the requirements noted above. Proposals will be accepted beginning immediately and will remain open through **August 1, 2018.**

Our goal is to achieve placement as soon as possible or approximately **November 1, 2018.** We hope to make a decision on proposals submitted on or before **September 1, 2018.**

Submission of a proposal equals agreement to all terms outlined in this RFP.

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