



Brevard Family Partnership

Protecting Children, Strengthening Families, Changing Lives.

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Brevard Family Partnership manages a system of care consisting of a community based service array referred to as flexible supports, a menu of specialized services delivered by a diverse provider network (see Service Guide on website); and placement levels of care intended to provide a seamless continuum of placement options for children and youth with diverse needs.

Subcontractors can complete the Administrative RFQ on the BFP website and enter into an agreement to begin delivering Flexible Support Services at any time. The subcontractor identifies their niche similar to those outlined in the flexible support menu of services and submits their proposed rate for the services to be delivered. Eligible subcontractors would also provide Medicaid reimbursable services. These services are referred and authorized by the subcontracted case management agencies and Brevard C.A.R.E.S. program. The annualized budget for flexible supports is approximately 1 million dollars.

Annually BFP conducts an analysis of needed services and capacity to ascertain any gaps in the continuum of care. Based upon recent community meetings conducted September 14th, BFP has identified preliminary results that identify need for capacity of specialized services and programs that address the needs of youth presenting with delinquency behaviors to assist in family preservation and stabilization efforts with the goal of safely maintaining the youth at home, school, and within the local community.

BFP is in the process of building its evidence based practice capacity in its continuum of care and is seeking pilot programs to enhance its community based service array. Proposed programs are grant funded as a pilot project with the potential for long term funding (pending availability of funds) after the pilot year of operation should positive outcomes be evidenced by the program during the pilot period.

BFP has an ongoing need for Family Residence Homes for complex youth who require highly structured behavior management services and supports in a family style home environment. BFP holds that many children residing in restrictive settings are best served by stepping down the continuum into a family type setting as oft times they are not able or ready to step directly into a traditional foster home environment due to attachment related and trauma issues. Currently BFP has identified 20 youth in care that fit the profile of this level of care with current capacity for 12. Family Residence Homes are homes typically with salaried and intensively trained house parents who serve up to 4 youth, with one parent who remains in the home as an employee on a full time basis. The Family Residence model consists of:

- salaried foster parents who are full time professional employees of the sponsoring agency
- foster parents who reside in their own home
- homes that meet the licensing criteria to serve up to 4 youth
- a high degree of structure
- a behavior management milieu
- wraparound services (Medicaid billable)
- 24/7 support
- group services
- youth skills training
- supervised visitation as appropriate
- bio parent mentoring, coaching and support
- transportation
- academic support
- extracurricular and community involvement

The management agency would provide recruitment, licensing and re-licensing, training, intensive family support, and respite care for these Family Residence Homes. The program would be offset by provision of Medicaid reimbursable services.

In order to build capacity of Family Residence Homes using a model that encompasses all of the aforementioned items, the subcontractor would submit a proposed model and budget to be approved by BFP to include a projected staffing pattern to best safely serve the residents. The subcontractor would then work closely with BFP intake and placement to gradually transition identified youth into these Family Residence Homes. This is a no right of refusal contract keeping in mind the subcontractor would work closely with BFP to ensure the referred population meets the criteria for the Family Residence level of care.

The subcontractor would be responsible to market their services and programs and meet with the Case Management agency staff and C.A.R.E.S. staff to promote their flexible supports services in order to build capacity over time. It is anticipated that therapeutic flexible support staff would also serve the population of youth in the family residences as the overlay component and seek Medicaid reimbursement where feasible.

Additional services and innovations identified by the community for proposed submissions include:

- Transportation services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Independent living youth and young adult services with an intensive outreach and engagement component

Any proposed contractual agreement must be in compliance with BFP Procurement policies and practices.