

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS) is soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from organizations wishing to deliver intervention services for children excluded from child care or at risk of exclusion due to behavioral problems of the child, funded by a Child Care and Development Quality Funding allocation.

Summary of Program Specifications:

The program will serve children, who are Lake County residents, who are age birth to age 13, who have been excluded from child care or at risk of exclusion due to behavioral problems. Priority will be given to children in the following order 1) those eligible to receive child care who are in receipt of Ohio Works First, 2) those eligible to receive non-guaranteed subsidized child care, 3) those who are ineligible for subsidized child care. Program components should include:

- * Gathering information on the child prior to providing services
- * Observing the child in the child care setting
- * Face to face consultation with provider/center staff and the child's parent(s)
- * Development and implementation of a specific service plan
- * Consultation and training for the provider/center staff to address behavioral concerns
- * Assistance to provider/center staff to enroll and work with the child
- * Referral to appropriate resources for ongoing therapeutic intervention
- * Documentation and reporting intervention efforts including outcomes

Referrals to this program will be made by staff from the LCDJFS and child care providers.

Proposing organizations will have the professional qualifications and credentials to perform these functions and will enter into a contract with the LCDJFS and the Lake County Board of Commissioners to provide these services. The proposal shall be for the period of October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. The actual amount of funding for this activity will not exceed \$15,000.

Proposal Process:

Proposals must be submitted on the LCDJFS Request for Proposal forms, which are available between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, legal holidays excluded, at the LCDJFS, 177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077. LCDJFS is not able to provide copies of proposal forms by facsimile transmission. Proposers are encouraged to call in advance of picking up forms to avoid delay. Proposers may contact Leslie Ryan at (440) 350-4496, 918-4496 or 428-4838 ext 4496. TDD/TTY users should use 440-350-3321 or 918-3321.

Two copies of the completed Request for Proposal must be submitted in a sealed package and received by LCDJFS at 177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio, no later than 12:00 noon EST Friday, September 4, 2009.

Proposals will be reviewed according to the criteria stated in the proposal forms by the LCDJFS staff. LCDJFS reserves the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive informalities in RFPs; to increase or decrease or omit any or all items; to award a contract to the lowest and/or best proposer; to waive or extend proposal deadlines; and/or negotiate with all qualified sources if in the best interest of the LCDJFS. LCDJFS is an equal opportunity employer/program.

Technical Assistance:

For more information or to obtain proposal forms, please contact Leslie Ryan at LCDJFS at 440-350-4496, 918-4496, or 428-4838 ext. 4496. TDD/TTY users should use 440-350-3321 or 918-3321.