

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**2016 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR
RESPITE SERVICES
FOR
YOUTH WITH INTELLECTUAL/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Questions will be accepted until August 22, 2016 at 12:00 PM

Technical Questions? Email us anytime at dcfaskrfp@dcf.state.nj.us

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1. Our Agency is an Approved Provider for NJ DDD, for Respite services. We would like be considered to provide quotation for the RFP for Respite. My question is if DCF would accept our RFP, based off of our association with DDD?

No. To become a qualified respite provider under the Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Children's System of Care (CSOC) you must submit a response that satisfies the requirements of the RFQ.

2. In regard to the RFQ for respite services on page 6 under Description of Services it indicates "A trained respite provider will care for youth..." Is there a specific type of training staff are required to have in order to provide respite services to I/DD youth?

Yes. Training requirements for agency staff are described on page 10 of the RFQ.

3. If we have active Memorandums of Understandings (MOU's) with Care Management Organizations (CMO's) in the same counties I selected to provide Respite and Aftercare Services in, will those MOU's become void if we are approved to provide the services through this RFQ? Please advise.

CSOC respite services are not provided through a MOU. To become qualified to provide respite services for families with children, youth and young adults under age 21, an applicant must submit a response that satisfies the requirements of the RFQ. Respite services provided through the RFQ will be managed through the Family Support Services (FSS) Link at the Contracted Systems Administrator. This process is described in detail on pages 12 through 14 of the RFQ.

4. Will this RFQ replace services that agencies are able to provide directly with CMO's? If so will CMO's no longer be able to have MOU's in which you can negotiate rates for services? Please advise.

Please see the response to question #3.

5. Our agency received approval to provide respite services several months ago, but we have not provided these services at this time. Do we need to complete this RFQ process, or is our status as a respite provider established?

No, you do not need to respond to this RFQ. Please refer to page 3 of the RFQ. If you wish to continue to offer respite services, please contact the CSOC service line manager to discuss why you have not provided (or been unable to provide) services to date.

6. For overnight respite services in a licensed setting, is it understood that this respite service will be provided in a licensed Treatment home setting?

No. Services must be provided in a licensed facility with round-the-clock supervision and care. Please refer to "Overnight Respite (OVR)" on page 6 of the RFQ.