



Division On Women

Request for Proposals (RFP):

Domestic Violence Abuse Intervention Program Round 2

NOTES

- Technical inquiries about forms and other documents may be requested at any time at dcf.askrfp@dcf.nj.gov
- Registered AOR forms must be received by **August 16**
- All responses must be submitted ONLINE by **August 23, 2023, 12 noon**
- It is recommended that you **begin uploading your files no later than 11:30 AM** to meet the 12:00 PM deadline. Applications received after the 12:00 PM DCF time stamp may be disqualified. If you are having technical issues, please contact us at: dcf.askrfp@dcf.nj.gov
- There will be up to six (6) contracts for the provision of domestic violence abuse intervention services to reduce and prevent domestic violence by awarding one contract in each of the following counties:
 - Cape May
 - Hudson
 - Middlesex
 - Passaic
 - Somerset
 - Union
- Respondents may submit responses for multiple counties but must submit a separate application for each (PDFs 1-4)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. For clinicians it says they need an LPC or LCSW, but will an LSW or MSW intern being supervised by an LCSW be acceptable?**

We will accept an LSW if they have previous clinical experience (under the supervision of a LCSW), formal training/education in clinical skills, and are working towards their LCSW. Bidders proposing a LSW should detail how their agencies' supervision and coaching practices will support the LSW.

- 2. It seems that you require that the Clinical Supervisor and Clinician is not the same person, unless perhaps the Supervisor is P/T supervising and P/T Clinician, backup up by another clinician to an FTE clinician. Correct?**

Correct. There are no restrictions on the clinical supervisor also serving as a P/T clinician in the program, but this would require an additional P/T clinician to meet the 1 FTE clinician requirement outlined in the RFP.

- 3. What risk assessment will be used?**

One of the risk assessments used will be the Domestic Violence Risk and Needs Assessment (DVRNA) developed in Colorado. Awarded providers will be trained by a DCF-contracted consultant. Additional risk assessments or other assessment tools will be worked out post award with the DCF consultant and the awarded agencies.

- 4. Do you have an expectation about numbers of persons to be served by this level of funding?**

The level of service increments for this program initiative is thirty (30) participants per month (duplicated and unduplicated). The program is to serve thirty (30) participants at any given time. They can be new or existing participants that remain in the program.

- 5. Is there a requirement for in-person vs online group programming?**

Group programming will be conducted in-person. Individual sessions may be provided virtually at the discretion of the clinician.

- 6. Will the individual sessions be mandatory if a client is participating in the group?**

This will depend on the results of the individual's assessment, treatment plan, and recommended level of treatment intensity.

7. What is the time frame to reach the 30 clients served?

Awarded agencies should be prepared to take a full census within sixty (60) days of award. However, awarded agencies will be working with DCF and a DCF-contracted consultant to implement the program and recognize that it may take up to the end of the initial contract term (6/30/24) to fill all the slots.

8. How do you envision bringing other disciplines to the team? Is that solely the grantee's responsibility or does DCF play a role?

Awarded agencies will participate in a regional implementation team that includes DCF, DCF-contracted consultants, NJCEDV, and other stakeholders to support agencies in building their Multi-Disciplinary Treatment Teams in their counties.

9. Group work in the AIP field is normally sex specific. Does DCF anticipate referring different genders?

Yes. The RFP states: Domestic Violence Offenders include individuals who have been charged, convicted, or engaged in domestic violence as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:25-17 et seq. Domestic Violence Offenders include all genders.

10. May a program choose to serve only one gender, or two?

No. The RFP states: Domestic Violence Offenders include individuals who have been charged, convicted, or engaged in domestic violence as defined by N.J.S.A. 2C:25-17 et seq. Domestic Violence Offenders include all genders.

11. Is the Program Staff necessary, or can groups be run by a single clinician?

It is a required position to support the groups and case management. If bidders would like to propose that certain groups be implemented without a co-facilitator, they should detail that in their application with the criteria they will use to determine whether a group has a co-facilitator or not and the evidence to support this approach.