



Request for Letters of Intent Community Based Child Abuse and Prevention Services

The Department of Child Services Regional Service Council for Region 7 along with Children's Bureau will be selecting Local Child Abuse Prevention Services to be provided within the Region based on the prevention plan. Local Child Abuse Prevention Services are defined as both primary prevention services and secondary prevention services.

Community Partners will fund both primary and secondary prevention programs. Primary prevention is defined as those services and programs that positively influence families, parents, caretakers, and children in the general population before abuse or neglect occurs. Primary prevention services:

- Are accessible to everyone in the community;
- Are received voluntarily;
- Seek to promote positive family functioning rather than preventing problems;
- Attempt to influence social forces which impact parents and children;
- Are culturally responsive to the program participants, building on the cultural strengths of the family and community; and
- Utilize methods which are educational and supportive, rather than clinical or treatment-oriented.

Secondary prevention services are offered to populations considered "at risk" for. Although child abuse or neglect may not have occurred within these families, there is a higher probability that it may occur (or it may have occurred without clear recognition). Secondary prevention services:

- Are offered to a predefined group of vulnerable or "at risk" individuals;
- Are received voluntarily;
- Focus on particular stressors or parenting issues for identified parents and caretakers;
- Seek to promote positive family functioning rather than just preventing problems;
- Build upon participants' strengths and are not based on a deficit approach; and
- Offer solutions oriented to specific program participants, building on the cultural strengths of the family and community.

The goals or objectives of prevention services are:

- To promote the safety of children
- To reduce the number of children being removed from their parents, guardians, or custodians
- To promote the efficiency of programs and services by coordinating available resources
- To prevent or reduce the number of children who are victims of child abuse, neglect, exploitation, or delinquency

Letters of Intent will be accepted for the following prevention categories:

- Services for victims of domestic violence
- Services providing respite
- Services providing early education to children and families
- Services aimed at teaching children body safety
- Services aimed at increasing the knowledge of internet and social media safety, knowledge of safe relationships, awareness of potential safety issues with regards to friends
- Services providing mentoring to children or adults
- Services providing therapy to families
- Services addressing opiate addiction and other substance use disorders
- Services aimed at assisting grandparents and other family members who are raising their non-biological children

** Letters of Intent providing services related to domestic violence, body safety and early education to children and families should include a component regarding the use of WeCare Indiana when possible. This is a text message service provided through the East Central Indiana FIMR program housed in the Delaware County Health Department.

Proposals should be no more than (3) three pages are due by April 28, 2017 at 5pm, and should be emailed to:

Dan Brumfield, VP Community Based Services at dbrumfield@childrensbureau.org

Denise Lovelace, Director Community Partners at dlovelace@childrensbureau.org

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Decisions will be announced at Regional Service Council on June 9th, 2017.

Guidelines for completing a letter of intent

All letters of intent should include each section below.

Description of the Agency:

This section should include agency background information including a brief description, the agency's mission, services offered, geographic area served, number of individuals served, and the number of full-time and part-time staff. An organizational chart should also be attached.

Description of Program Services:

Please describe the services being provided with requested funding including any information regarding evidence based services, a description of the target population, how many clients will be served in each county, and how to make referrals to the proposed services.

Definition of how the services help prevent child abuse and neglect:

Please describe the goals of the program and how these goals prevent child abuse and neglect.

Budget and Budget Narrative:

Provide a summary of project budget addressing the type and amount of funds requested, a line item description including staff costs, supplies, space/marketing, or any other costs associated with the project. Please provide a unit rate when applicable.

Below is a sample Budget:

Staff costs	\$10,000.00
Curriculum/Materials	\$ 5,000.00
Presentation per school	\$ 300.00

Please be aware that payment for brokered dollars is dependent upon funding by the state. Payments are made to you, after funding is received at the Children's Bureau and it often is paid in approximately 60 days. All agencies being funded through brokered dollars must be an established not for profit agency, must be capable of obtaining appropriate liability insurance before a contract can be completed, and must comply with state regulations regarding background checks, fingerprinting, etc. Any agency receiving funds is required to notify both the Children's Bureau and the DCS Regional Manager, Steve Cox on or before the April 2016 Regional Service Council if they will be unable to pull down the allocated funds.

Outcomes expected from the program and how they are measured:

Please include expected outcomes and the tracking method for these outcomes.

Please list a Contact person for the program