

State of Iowa Juvenile Court Services



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Responses to Questions received regarding Early Services Program (ESP) RFP JUV-27-CB-05-004

1. What does the data look like concerning the number of youth 12 and under outside of Polk County referred to Juvenile Court that are placed on IAAs?

Q1 Answer: Youth referred to JCS age 12 and under

County	2024	2025	2026 (July 2025 to April 2026)
Dallas	32	24	12
Guthrie	3	3	0
Jasper	26	24	11
Madison	9	2	0
Marion	8	1	4
Warren	3	12	3

2. At anytime, would a contractor consider ESP serving youth that are moderate to high that are formally involved in JCS?

Q2 Answer: No, formally involved youth will not be referred to the ESP program.

3. Can bidders train staff and provide what was once called VORPs to youth involved in ESP?

Q3 Answer: JCS would expect that any victim offender meetings would be conducted by an outside, independent mediator.

4. With expansion to surrounding counties- will there be one JCO that oversees the program in each county to assure consistency in referral processes?

Q4 Answer: JCS will assign two staff that will be points of contact for the coordination of the ESP services.

5. The cap amount that is listed of \$300,000, is that per contract or total amount available even with multiple vendors?

Q5 Answer: \$300,000.00 is the total anticipated amount available to provide Early Services Program (ESP) services annually.

6. Are you prioritizing a vendor that can service all extended counties, or will applications be received even if the vendor is writing to a few specific counties?

Q6 Answer: JCS expects all proposals to include Dallas, Guthrie, Jasper, Madison, Marion, Polk and Warren counties.