

State of Iowa Juvenile Court Services



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Responses to Questions received regarding Transition Services and Aftercare RFP JUV-27-TS-08-002:

- 1. 1.4 Background Information:** "OTWH services have been provided in JCS District 8 since April 2024 through other funding sources." Who is the current contractor providing these services in District 8?

Q1 Answer: On The Way Home services have been provided within JCS D8 by Elevate CCBHC since April 2024.
- 2. 4.3.B. Scored Technical Specifications:** "... Transition Specialists, must be cross-trained prior to administering services to JCS Youth in both OTWH and Transition to Adulthood Services." Can you please define cross-training in regards to Transition to Adulthood?

Q2 Answer: Cross-training of Transition Specialists related to Transition to Adulthood services includes development of relationships with HHS Transition Specialists, as well as developing knowledge and understanding of the referral processes and contacts for D8 community based resources, to include, but not limited to: Aftercare, Continuing education, iJag, IowaWorks, Social Security, Department of Motor Vehicle staff, substance use provider agencies, and mental/behavioral health provider agencies.
- 3. 4.3.K.3.b-c Performance Measures specific to OTWH:** "b. 80% of Youth will not recidivate within six months of completing the program. c. 70% of Youth will not recidivate within one year of completing the program." Because a Contractor would not have access to this information without it being provided by JCS, how will this performance measure be tracked and assessed? Will JCS alert the contractor to youth who recidivate within these timeframes? What are the contractor's responsibilities relative to these performance measures?

Q3 Answer: Yes, JCS will use the information provided in the submitted quarterly reports to track the youth and recidivism rates of the youth completing the services. The successful respondent will be responsible for ongoing conversations with JCS leadership (CJCO and JCS Supervisors) for the purposes of brainstorming ideas to assist in improving recidivism rates.
- 4. Attachment 4 – Cost Proposal Form:** The Cost Proposal Form includes a line item for initial On the Way Home training but does not address start-up and franchising fees. Will contractors invoice these start-up/franchising fees separately, as they are incurred?

Q4 Answer: Yes, please see the updated Attachment 4 Cost Proposal located within Amendment 2 of this RFP for the updated template to include estimated start-up costs.
- 5. Attachment 4 – Cost Proposal Form:** What party is responsible for costs associated with upfront training and maintenance fee of the OTWH license? If Respondent is responsible, can you please highlight this in the Attachment 4 - Cost Proposal Form?

Q5 Answer: Please see the response to Question 4 above, as well as the updated Attachment 4 Cost Proposal located within Amendment 2 of this RFP for the updated template to include estimated start-up costs.