



Q1. What are the rates?

R1. This procurement does not have at a fixed rate.

Q2. Does the department already have existing “assessment” foster homes that could be transitioned to the vendor

R2. No.

Q3. Who is the current vendor

R3. The current vendor is Alabama Mentor.

Q4. Will this be awarded to one vendor or multiple?

R4. The contract will be awarded to one vendor.

Q5. How are they currently completing the assessments?

R5. After referrals are made to the program and an appropriate home is located that will be a good fit for the child, placement is made. At that time the assessment process starts. The child’s needs are assessed through the CFA, Physiological, and other assessment tools, Recommendations are made based on the information gathered and given to the worker, supervisor and programs at that time placements are arranged.

Q6. What would be the outcome if vendor was unable to recruit and train 24 homes prior to Oct 1st? Would there be a grace period etc?

R6. At this time the current vendor has more than 24 homes assigned to this program. If this was not the case the department would need to be contacted and arrangements would be made.

Q7. Are vendor’s allowed to use current homes that have vacancies if they were suitable for this program?

If a home moves to a TFC placement, how long would the vendor have to replace the assessment home?

R7. Yes, if the homes met the training and other criteria. The vendor is responsible to approve the homes. As quickly as possible with very little delay.

Referrals are made on a need basis. It is the counties expectations that the vendor have the resources available.



Q8. Section 3.0 pg.14

Assessments The RFP states the assessment is completed within 45 days. Is this workdays or calendar days?

R8. Calendar days.

Q9. Section 3.0 pg.14 Admissions

The RFP states the vendor must be able to accept children with moderate to severe emotional and behavioral problems. Does this include disruptions from Intensive Residential?

R9. No.

Q10. Section 3.0 pg.14

MAT The RFP states children will be stepped down within the placement as indicated by the child's behavioral needs and results of the Multi Dimensional Assessment Tool (MAT). Will the MAT be completed within 45 days?

R10. Yes .

Q11. Section 3.0 pg.14 Contract Utilization

The RFP states the program must have the capacity to meet the needs of 48 children.

What is the Department's utilization rate of its current STAR contracts over the last contract period?

R11. The Department makes referrals to the program on an as needed basis. At this time, the program has been using the program to the full extent as the need arises. There have been times when a referral has been made and it was not used as a more appropriate placement was found.

Q12. Section 3.3 pg.15

Vendor Visits

The RFP states the purpose of each visit will be to assess for the child's safety, gathering information to complete the assessment, provide interventions, identify potential family resources and provide support for the family assessment. Does this include visits to the biological home?

R12. Yes.



Q13. Section 5.0 pg.22 Fixed Rate

The RFP states that a fixed rate is specified in the document for provision of services, and any proposal exceeding the fixed rate will be deemed non-responsive. Where is the fixed rate located in the RFP

R13. See R1.