

**Application for Contract
Intensive Residential Services**

Entire packet must be submitted via email
to sdhr.procurement@dhr.alabama.gov

Date of Submission:

Vendor Name:

Vendor Address (no P.O. Boxes):

Vendor Phone:

Vendor Federal I.D. Number:

Vendor E-mail Address:

Authorized Vendor Signatory:
(Please print name and sign in ink)

Resource Management use only:

Application number:

Date and Time:

Received:



Alabama Department of Human Resources

Application Instructions – Intensive Residential Services

Thank you for your interest in contractual services through the Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR). Please carefully review the Application Instructions, Vendor's Document Checklist, Evaluation Criteria, and Addendum A before completing and submitting your application. Incomplete or incorrectly submitted applications may delay the review process or result in denial of acceptance of application.

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Services Overview:

The Alabama Department of Human Resources seeks qualified vendors to provide *Intensive Residential Services* for children in the custody of the Department. These services must be provided in a congregate care setting, and must consist of room, board, and an expansive array of services for children with serious and/or chronic emotional and/or behavioral management problems that adversely impact their ability to function in a family, school and/or community setting outside of a residential environment. Proposals to provide treatment for children or youth who have a need for treatment for sexual aggression or reactive behaviors should not be submitted in this category. A more complete description of the services sought for this project is provided in the Addendum A section of this application.

Eligibility:

Eligible vendors may include governmental agencies, faith-based organizations, non-governmental public or private organizations and individuals who:

- 1) are legally authorized to conduct business within the State of Alabama
- 2) possess a high degree of professional skill in this area of services
- 3) possess the skills needed to perform the services
- 4) meet the terms and conditions of this service
- 5) must demonstrate the ability to manage Department funds in accordance with Federal and State regulations and guidelines.

Mandatory Requirements:

- Vendors must provide a detailed plan explaining all items in Addendum A and addressing how all requirements of Addendum A will be met.
- Vendors must provide a written plan on how different ages will be services in the program. (see Section 1.2 of Addendum A)
- Vendors must be licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Vendors must obtain a Residential Child Care Facility License to provide services in a congregate care setting and must include a copy of their license with their application. Unlicensed vendors must include a copy of their application for licensure with their application.
- Vendors must complete or provide the following forms (All required fields must be completed entirely and accurately.):
 - Disclosure Statement
 - Taxpayer Identification Number Form **OR** W-9 and Legal Status Letter
 - Certificate of Compliance



- E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Issued by Department of Homeland Security)
- Cost Proposal and Budget Forms
- Attestation and Declaration for Provision of Services
- Provide all required documentation outlined in the Attestation and Declaration for Provision of Services
- Vendor Certifications
- New vendors must provide a detailed Start-up Plan with a project schedule that comprises of the detailed work plan for the entire contract. Vendors must provide a detailed description of the work plan and the methods to be used that will convincingly demonstrate to the Department what the vendor intends to do, the timeframes necessary to accomplish the work, and how the work will be accomplished.
- Vendor must attach all supporting documents as PDFs, including but not limited to licenses, certifications, audits or financial statements, and resumes/job descriptions for all employee levels assigned to the contract.

Evaluation and Selection Process:

DHR will review all applications for completeness, eligibility, and alignment with program requirements. Applicants may be contacted for clarification or additional documentation and will have 10 days to provide requested information.

During pre-screening, applications will be reviewed to ensure compliance with all general and mandatory requirements. Upon completion of this initial review, applications will be classified and “accepted” or “denied”.

All accepted applications will be evaluated against the stated criteria. In scoring against the stated criteria, the Department may consider such factors as accepted industry standards and a comparative evaluation of all other qualified application responses in terms of differing price, quality, and contractual factors to determine the most advantageous offering to the Department. Don’t assume the Department or evaluation committee will know what your companies’ capabilities are or what items/services you can provide, even if you have previously contracted with the Department. Vendors are evaluated solely on the information and materials provided in your application.

Vendors selected to engage in a contract will be notified in writing by Resource Management- Office of Procurement.

Selection of a vendor shall not be binding upon the Department and may or may not, at the Department’s discretion, result in the Department entering a contract with the vendor if it is in the best interest of the Department not to proceed with contract execution.



VENDOR'S DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

1. _____ **CONTRACT APPLICATION with signature of person legally authorized to bind vendor to contract**
2. _____ **Licenses/Certificates/Credentials**
3. _____ **Disclosure Statement (Appendix A)**
4. _____ **Taxpayer ID # (Appendix B) or W-9 and Legal Status Letter**
5. _____ **Certificate of Compliance (Appendix D)**
6. _____ **E-Verify (MOU) (Issued by Department of Homeland Security)**
7. _____ **Start-up Plan must have a Detailed Schedule Submitted**
8. _____ **Detailed explanation of all items in Addendum A with a plan addressing how the requirements of the contract will be met.**
9. _____ **Written plan on how different ages will be served in the program (see Section 1.2 of Addendum A)**
10. _____ **Appendix F (Cost Proposal) & Appendix G (Budget Forms)**
11. _____ **Completed Attestation and Declaration for Provision of Services**
12. _____ **Audits or New Vendors provide Financial Statements**
13. _____ **Resumes/Job Descriptions for All Employee Levels assigned to this contract**
14. _____ **Signed Vendor's Certifications**

This checklist is provided for assistance only and should not be submitted with Vendor's response.



ADDENDUM A

1.0 INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Intensive placement services are for children with a DSM-V diagnosis within the range of 290-316 requiring active treatment which means implementation of a professionally developed and supervised individual plan of care for individuals who have been prior approved and certified by an independent team as meeting medical necessity for this level of care. Facilities must be certified to participate in Medicare/Medicaid programs, be in compliance with Title VI and VII, seclusion and restraint requirements of 42 CFR, Part 483, staffing and medical record requirements and have an approved utilization review plan. Intensive residential placements should be limited to children whose needs cannot be met in their own home, traditional foster home, therapeutic foster care, intensive or moderate residential care, or children whose treatment goals cannot be met in a less restrictive setting.

THE PROGRAM AND STAFF WILL BE DEVELOPED AND EQUIPPED TO MANAGE THE CHILDREN BELOW:

- Children may have substance abuse issues/needs.
- Children may exhibit significant disruptive behaviors such as persistent or unpredictable aggression.
- Children may have sexual acting out issues/needs that have been successfully addressed or treated.
- Children may exhibit moderate to serious risk of causing harm to themselves or others.
- Children may be delinquent, chronic runaways, display manipulative behaviors, have difficulty maintaining self-control, display poor self-esteem, have difficulty in securing and maintaining close relationships with others, be truant from school and have difficulty in accepting authority.

These children have not responded successfully to less intensive interventions or have been denied admission or been discharged from various placements because of their emotional and behavioral problems. There is a need for constant adult supervision and intense treatment, which could include the use of psychotropic medication. Children that receive psychotropic medication should be monitored and maintained on the lowest dosage of medication. The provider will follow the Federal Psychotropic Drug protocol regarding the appropriate use and monitoring of psychotropic medications. DHR staff will provide diligent and thought oversight of medical care, particularly regarding the use of psychotropic medication. This is a population at high risk of hospitalization, institutionalization, or incarceration because of the pervasive nature of their problems. Although usually in good health, these children may require medical attention for health problems or for monitoring medications.

Providers are required to present a positive discipline approach to their program. A troubled youth's ability of learning and moving forward is always greatest when he or she is in a structured environment with professionals who care about their success. The behavior management programs must provide youth with options to make positive choices. Positive behavior supports must be the focus of the program with the discipline consequences as secondary. The supports need to be individualized for each child on their developmental level.

1.1 PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY

The County Department of Human Resources that has planning responsibility for a child has the responsibility to provide appropriate documentation including services relating to the Individual Service Plan (ISP). An ISP meeting must be held at the time of placement with a plan developed to include discharge planning. All services provided must be authorized on an ISP. If such documentation is not provided within ten (10) days from placement date, the contract provider should notify the County Department of Human Resources, State Department of Human Resources- Resource Management Division, and State Department of Human Resources

- Family Service Division.

1.2 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



Providers must meet the licensing criteria set forth in the Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities.

Providers must either: Have youth placements fall into the following two age range settings - youth under age 16 and youth ages 17-20 separated or present a detailed plan on how safety will be ensured for younger children when serving a variety of age groups in one location.

Providers must have a detailed plan on how safety will be ensured for younger children when serving a variety of age groups in one location.

Providers must have a detailed plan on how to meet the requirements for staffing ratios and education needs of youth served.

Providers must be licensed by DHR or DMH. If provider is licensed by DMH, it is the providers responsibility to ensure that SDHR – Resource Management always has the updated DMH license on file.

1.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INTENSIVE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

- Maintain licensed, safely staffed, secure settings which adhere to state minimum standards, policies, and procedures.
- Ensure that staff completes all required training as detailed in Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities within the time frames indicated.
- Provider must include credentials and training of individuals providing service.
- Provide forty (40) hours of pre-service training that **MUST** include: Trauma Informed Therapy, Crisis Intervention, Medication Compliance, De-Escalation Techniques, Self-Injurious Behaviors, Sexualized Behaviors, and Reasonable Prudent Parenting Standards (RPPS)
- **Provider must have a detailed plan to be able to Accept, Review and give a Decision on both County and SDHR referrals for admissions 24/7 – 365 days a year.**
- Screen referrals to ensure the referral meet the criteria in Section 3.0. **All children meeting the criteria above must be considered for placement.**
- Provide staff to be available for children 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.
- Complete the Certificate of Need on emergency placements.
- Providers must have video monitoring system in place throughout campus in all areas, except in bathrooms, bedrooms, and other confidential areas (example: therapist office). The video monitoring system must be always maintained and kept operational. At any time if the system is not functional, SDHR-Resource Management must be notified immediately with a plan of action of when the system will be back online. The expectation is for the video monitoring system to be always operational and not to be non-functioning for a period any longer than 24 hours. There should be no blind spots or ability to maneuver camera to make blind spots within the viewing areas. SDHR-Resource Management or SDHR-Family Services should have the ability to view footage any time when concerns or incidents have occurred.
- Providers must ensure that interaction with children is always conducted in the view of the video monitoring system. If safety is an issue, safety should be established first then interaction should be brought into camera view immediately.
- Provide the contact information for intake staff, Directors, and Chief Executive Officers to the County DHR Offices and SDHR – Resource Management Division for after hour emergencies.
- Require and conduct a pre-placement visit **ONLY** as determined appropriate by County DHR, ISP Team, and/or SDHR- Division of Resource Management.
- Participate and/or provide meaningful input in the ISP process which will include Coordinating, monitoring, and evaluating services required to meet youth's needs.



- Initial treatment plan developed within ten (10) days from admission date; the comprehensive treatment plan developed within thirty (30) days from admission date and, a treatment plan review held every ninety (90) days thereafter. (Note: The discharge plan shall be developed at the time of placement.) The treatment plan should include goals that are measurable and address the reduction of duration, frequency, and intensity of symptoms, and what interventions will be used to meet each goal.
- When the treatment plan includes the use of psychotropic medication, informed consent is required. Informed consent requires that the prescribing physician inform the child and legal guardian (county DHR worker) of the risks and benefits of the proposed treatments and the risks and benefits of alternative treatments, including no treatment. This includes information about the potential benefits of the medication, the possible risks, and the range of doses. Information about serious adverse effects and how to contact the physician must be discussed. Staff and DHR workers should be given ample time for questions and discussion before consent is requested.
- Follow the policy set forth by Alabama Department of Human Resources to follow the federal drug protocol mandate. The policy will provide guidelines for informed consent, minimum and maximum dosage guidelines, prior approval protocols, use of PRN medications, notification regarding medication dosage changes, and required medication testing and monitoring.
- Provide medication monitoring and administration. Use of psychotropic medications shall follow the Oversight of Psychotropic Medication for Children in Foster Care; Title IV-B Health Care Oversight & Coordination Plan that is mandated by the Federal government.
- Develop and administer an individualized behavioral management plan for the child or youth with input and collaboration with the family's ISP team. The behavioral management plan should be positive and focus on the strengths of the child. Implement and monitor the behavioral management plan. Ensure the County DHR is provided a copy of the current Behavioral Management Plan.
- Provide Basic Needs- provide food, shelter, clothing, hygiene items, etc. as outlined in Principles of Care section in Minimum Standards.
- Provide up to \$50 per month for special needs and occasions, e.g., haircuts, feminine hygiene products, oral and body hygiene products, over-the-counter medications, gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or other special occasions, etc. Anything above \$50 per month must be paid by the county DHR. Provider and County DHR can utilize DHR-1878 to authorize the Provider to provide the items over \$50 per month and receive reimbursement.
- Provide a minimum of \$5 per week allowance and clearly document on ISP of how this allowance will be administered to the child. Allowances may not be used to recoup for damages or restitution. If additional monies are earned, recouping damages or payments for restitution may be made from them.
- Provide structured and planned extracurricular activities individualized to the youth's interests consistent with the ISP, ensure the child's involvement in at least one extra-curricular activity of the child's or youth's own choosing, e.g. band, karate, various sports, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc. **DHR will be responsible for payment of the activity, while the contracting agency will provide the transportation and support for the child's participation.**
- Provide local transportation at no additional costs for medical appointments, court, school, therapy appointments, child/family team meetings, recreational activities, home visits and family visits.
- Provider must prohibit their personnel from text messaging while driving a government-owned vehicle or while driving their own privately-owned vehicle during official business or from using government-supplied electronic equipment to text message or email while driving.
- Utilize the Independent Living Skills Assessment for youth 14 and older. Providers shall incorporate the assessment outcomes into service planning and curriculum and provide opportunity for youth to develop independent skills including but not limited to:
 - ✓ Personal Care- health/medical, food/nutrition, clothing care, household chores, money management, leisure time, safety, community resources, housing, transportation, and legal issues
 - ✓ Psychosocial- decision making, relationship building, parenting, sexuality, self-image, communication, and response to authority.



- ✓ Education- basic education, high school graduation, vocational training, preparation for higher education
- ✓ Employment and Money Management- job, career, work habits, basic money management.
- Ensure that children are receiving needed educational services, including homework assistance (not tutoring), transportation to school, and access to alternative educational setting, such as on site or community accredited educational services, GED services, or vocational services. as identified in the family's ISP. Ensure that the County DHR receives information on any educational meeting on the child so that the County DHR can attend. Ensure that the County DHR has copies of all educational assessments, IEPs, discipline notices, etc. pertaining to the child and education.
- Consistent with the ISP, provide two (2) hours per week of tutoring by a person qualified to offer specialized assistance in a certain subject; monitor the tutoring for the achievement of outcomes in the child's educational setting.
- Ensure children receive routine and emergency eye care, dental care, psychiatric care, and medical care. Work with the County DHR Office to ensure that the EPSDT screening is completed according to schedule; update EDS software with the provider number and screening dates, as appropriate; provide copy of screening to county DHR.
- In conjunction with the ISP team, the Provider must develop a discharge plan to include a recommendation for aftercare. The discharge plan must be developed at the time of placement.
- Support flexible visitation with opportunity to do visitation on campus. Support and engage youth in flexible sibling visitation plans. Facilities may not restrict visitation for reasons of punishment to the youth.
- An intake assessment upon entering and once per calendar year. The intake assessment presents psychological, social functioning, child's physical condition, child's medical condition, child's need for additional evaluation, child's need for treatment, and child's fitness for services.
- Age-Appropriate Independent Living Skills in Accordance with Outcomes identified in the ISP at minimum of 1 hour per day. These Independent Living Skills will include development, improvement, or reinforcement of age appropriate social, personal hygiene, money management, communication, and behavioral skills.
- Provide on-going psychiatric, medical, psychological, social and educational assessment.
- Provide a diagnosis from on-going assessments.
- Provide active treatment program in a therapeutic milieu.
- Clinical therapy services, including family therapy and any behavioral programming; treatment services should include an assessment of the impact of sexual victimization on behaviors and should not solely be focused on behavior modification.
- Provide vocational and recreational therapy, which teaches the youth to participate in organized groups and learn a valuable trade or craft.
- Provide independent Living skills training.
- Provide supportive services to the family as agreed in the ISP, i.e. parenting training and education.
- Provide to the birth family or other identified permanent placement resources, family therapy within the treatment regimen for the child youth. Provide supportive services at the rate of no less than two hours per week to the family during home visits, such as telephone support, unless identified in the family's ISP, to model and coach continued therapy in the home setting.
- Encourage the child's relationship with family, peers and other significant persons, including, but not limited to, the supervision of family visitation as agreed in the ISP/treatment plan, including the family's participation in treatment planning, providing a space for quality visitation at the facility, ensuring that the structure of the treatment program does not limit family contact unless identified in the ISP, agreeing to follow all policies developed by DHR regarding family contact and visitation, etc.
- Consistent with the ISP, provide a minimum of two (2) hours per week of tutoring by a person qualified to offer specialized assistance in a certain subject; monitor the tutoring for the achievement of outcomes in the child's educational setting.



- Provide aftercare services to the child and identified placement resource after discharge from the residential to ensure continued treatment in the step-down setting.
- Provide SDHR-Division of Resource Management and the County DHR with incident reports on all children in DHR custody. The incidents listed below must be reported to SDHR –Division of Resource Management and the County DHR within 24 hours after occurrence or the first workday following the occurrence, whichever is sooner. This includes reports that are made to Department of Mental Health (DMH) from an approved licensed DMH facility.
 - Any injury requiring professional medical treatment of any child or staff person while at the facility or away from the facility activities.
 - Any illness occurring at the facility or during away from the facility activities which requires emergency medical treatment.
 - Any death occurring at the facility or during away from the facility activities.
 - Major damage to the facility.
 - Any litigation involving the facility.
 - Any traffic accident involving facility children using transportation provided by the facility.
 - Any arrest or conviction of the licensee or any staff person.
 - Final disposition of any child abuse/neglect investigation involving the facility, the licensee, or any staff person.
 - Any incident occurring which places the health, welfare, or safety of a child at risk.

A detailed written report is to be provided to SDHR- Division of Resource Management and the County DHR within five (5) days of an incident.

All staff are required by law to report any known or suspected child abuse or neglect allegations to the County Department of Human Resources or the local chief of police or county sheriff. The report must be made immediately by telephone or direct oral communication, followed by a written report, containing all known information.

The Executive Director of the facility must advise the Alabama Department of Human Resources-Division of Resource Management, Office of Licensure, about the report no later than the first workday following the alleged incident. For more information regarding items, please see the Minimum Standards for Residential Child Care Facilities.

Provider must provide:

- Conduct mental health consultations with DHR, counselors, teachers, and other professionals relevant to foster children.
- Provide basic living skills training a minimum of two (2) hours daily in accordance with the outcomes identified in the ISP for activities including the development, or improvement and reinforcing of age- appropriate social, communication and behavioral skills. Individual goals in each of these therapeutic areas must be taken from needs identified as deficits for the child and should be authorized in the context of the ISP.
- Make at a minimum bi-weekly contact with the therapist of the child or family to monitor progress or outcomes in counseling.
- Provide bi-weekly group therapy sessions for children.
- Provide up to four (4) hours per week of crisis intervention.
- Provide individual counseling sessions for children.
- Provide family counseling
- Ensure that a physician’s assessment is performed by a qualified medical staff
- Ensure that diagnostic testing is provided by qualified staff (**Must be signed off by a licensed Ph.D. level psychologist**).

Note: All services provided above and beyond the services listed, must be authorized by the ISP and on a DHR- 1878 to authorize payment of such services.



All services billed must be in compliance with Chapter 33 of the Medicaid Provider Manual. Vendors must understand and acknowledge that they may, in certain circumstances and in accordance with the county department's procedures, bill the county department for certain ancillary services. Ancillary services are defined as services, outside of program requirements and core services, needed by the child and authorized by the ISP. The parties understand and acknowledge that the vendor will directly bill Medicaid and receive payments for all Medicaid eligible children directly from Medicaid. Payments for non-Medicaid eligible children will be made by the Department of Human Resources at the same rate paid for Medicaid eligible children. The provider will be responsible for any charge backs on Medicaid eligible children and non-Medicaid eligible children.

1.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- DHR is responsible for visiting each child at least once a month. Additional visits could be warranted if directed in the ISP or if a child's status changes
- DHR is responsible for conducting ISPs per policy and distributing a copy of the plan within the required ten (10) days.
- DHR is responsible for participating in the treatment plan when possible and reviewing the child's treatment plan and incorporating into the ISP.
- DHR is responsible for all aspects of a child's medical care. This includes the following:
 - ✓ Prescription medications – the county is responsible for ensuring that each child receives prescribed medication through Medicaid, payment through child's earmarked funds, payment through flex funds etc. No child should be without medicine due to lack of funds. If a child is prescribed psychotropic medications the county department is responsible for monitoring these medications and following the Oversight of Psychotropic Medication for Children in Foster Care; Title IV-B Health Care Oversight & Coordination Plan that is mandated by the Federal government.
 - ✓ Doctor's appointments – the county is responsible for ensuring that each child receives the required medical treatment needed.
 - ✓ Surgery – the county is responsible for being present when a child is having surgery of any type when that is planned. The county is responsible for the decisions and the follow up. The county is responsible for discharge planning. The Code of Alabama gives the Department full authority to make health and medical decisions without court approval. The county may sign health forms as agent of DHR consenting to medical procedures. For children in the Department's permanent custody, the adoption consultant should be notified of new information such as medical changes/issues per Adoption Policy – section on Termination of Parental Rights page 11.
 - ✓ Emergency treatment – providers will initiate emergency attention and treatment for a child requiring immediate medical attention, but the county is responsible for seeing the child as soon as possible and determining that appropriate care is being received. The county is responsible for follow up and discharge planning.
 - ✓ The county department is responsible for ensuring the child's eligibility for Medicaid and or private insurance coverage if not eligible for Medicaid.
 - ✓ The county department is responsible for the EPSDT periodic screening and inter-periodic screenings for children in custody. The county department is responsible for the initial medical exam which can be obtained through the periodic screening.
 - ✓ Psychological – a current psychological is required for placement in TFC, Moderate, Intensive, or Intensive Enhanced types of placements. The psychological should be updated every two years after the initial placement, which should support either step down or movement up in intensity of care.
- **VISITATION/TRANSPORTATION** – Core services requires that the Provider assist with local transportation. The county is responsible for transportation that is not local. The county is responsible for



assessing the progress or lack of progress of family visits. If a Provider is supervising visits the worker should be reviewing the reports of the visits and periodically observe the interactions themselves due to required court testimony to support any recommendation made by the county.

- **CLOTHING** – The county department is responsible for ensuring that the child has the required initial clothing and works with the provider to address any specific clothing needs over the time of the placement, such as for extracurricular activities, school requirements, etc. Community resources should be accessed if there are no private earmarked funds or other funding sources to cover the expenditures needed for the child.
- **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** - Consistent with the ISP, ensure the child’s involvement in at least one extra-curricular activity of the child’s or youth’s own choosing, e.g., band, karate, various sports, Boy or Girl Scouts, etc. DHR will be responsible for payment of the activity, while the contracting agency will provide the transportation and support for the child’s participation. The Department can use a child’s private earmarked funds, the foster care trust fund, ILP funds, or flex funds to pay for items such as musical instruments, lessons, sports equipment, etc. The ISP should address the activity for the child.
- Provide up to \$50.00 per month for special needs and occasions, e.g., haircuts, feminine hygiene products, oral and body hygiene products, over-the-counter medications, gifts for birthdays, Christmas, or other special occasions, etc. **Anything above \$50.00 per month must be paid by the county DHR office.**

1.5 ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH FROM 14 TO 21 YEARS OLD

This section addresses specific services for youth who are considered Independent Living age which is 14 through 21 years old. These services are designed to prepare youth for successful transition from foster care toward Independent Living.

- A. Vendors must begin referencing the ILP Framework, Youth Assessment Summary and Alabama Transition Plan when establishing ILP’s and treatment plans.
 1. If a youth is already in placement upon reaching the age of 14 years vendors should be provided with a copy of Youth Assessment Summary. IL funds cannot be used on said youth until this assessment is completed.
 2. Youth 17 years of age or older should have an Alabama Transition Plan connected to their case plan. This Transition Plan can begin earlier than age 17 if recommended by the ISP team.
- B. An emphasis should be placed on training youth toward increasing responsibility of managing their own needs (medical, educational, mental health, etc.) with appropriate supports. The youth’s progress toward achieving goals should be listed in terms of development of skills listed from the ILP framework and should relate to services provided during the month.
- C. Youth should be granted increasing responsibility to manage their medical and mental health needs. Demonstration related to medication competency should be assessed with a focus on building capacity to afford youth the ability to administer their own medication, when deemed appropriate by the ISP Team.
- D. Skill building connected to the ISP and Alabama Transition Plan must be tailored to a youth’s current level of functioning moving them from an awareness of skill to learning and doing the skills. Skill areas include personal growth/social development; family supports/healthy relationships; health education/risk prevention; education, employment, and career preparation; money management; housing and home management; and transportation.
- E. When youth do not have an established or healthy relationship with their family, vendor will work to establish at least one adult or mentor that has the potential to remain active in the youth’s life once they have left foster care; vendors should help promote permanent connections for youth.
- F. When youth reach 19 years of age, there should be a stronger emphasis on placements where the youth can seamlessly age out of care, with little housing disruption, like supervised ILP, long-term foster care or adoptive home. Throughout their placement there should be a focus on building support systems that will endure after the



youth leaves foster care.

G. Older youth (starting no later than age 16) should be given the opportunity to obtain and maintain employment so they can begin to assume financial responsibilities before they leave care. For youth who are experiencing delays or gaps with employment, vendors can arrange up to 20 hours per week of volunteer hours while youth seek employment with agreement with the ISP team.

H. Youth should be encouraged and assisted in participating in activities that provide focus on building IL skills related to healthy relationships, vocation education, financial responsibility and serving their community. These youth should also be provided the opportunity to participate in their local and State IL meetings, camps, and other IL sponsored/supported events.

1.6 REJECTIONS

- Rejections: Provider must accept all appropriate referrals that meet the contract requirements. Provider should maintain a rejection rate of less than 10% throughout the Contract period.
- Rejections that are rejected due to no available contracted slots will not be counted against the Provider's rejection rate.

1.7 DISCHARGES

- A Provider should not exceed 5% unsuccessful closure rate.
- All Immediate and 30-Day Discharge Requests must come through the prescribed format for approval through SDHR-Resource Management.
- Immediate and 30-day discharges are counted as unsuccessful discharges.
- Discharges Requests based on the Youth's Maximization of Benefits of the Program should not occur.
- All Discharge Planning Notifications (a child stepping down to a lower level of care) should be sent through the prescribed format to SDHR-Resource Management.

1.8 OUTCOMES AND TRACKING

- It is expected that all outcomes will be directly related to safety, permanency, and well-being.
- Successful Discharges or Unsuccessful Discharges - the percentage of the children who have an immediate discharge request, 30-day discharge request, or discharge planning notification. Submit Discharge Requests and Discharge Planning timely to include but not limited to: Discharge Notification Type, Level of Care Recommended, and Discharge Request Reason (Recommendation Letter and Required SDHR- Division of Resource Management Forms Required
- The percentage of the children needing additional services that the County Department of Human Resources are required to reimburse and the reason for these additional services.
- Submit Child Referrals to SDHR-Office of Resource Management through prescribed method within 72 hours of receiving referral to include but not limited to: Date of Referral, DHR County, Pre- Placement Days (if applicable), Referral Status (Reason if applicable), and Admission Date.
- Administer a Discharge Survey to the child, family, and DHR social workers to assess satisfaction with the services, care, and treatment. A Quarterly Summary of the Survey Results must be submitted to SDHR-Division of Resource Management and must include any program changes instituted because of the survey process.



- Submit Invoices to SDHR-Division of Resource Management by the 5th calendar day of each month for children served during the prior month. All billing including Revisions to invoices already processed are to be submitted no later than 60 days from month of service, unless otherwise specified. Failure to submit requests for payment within appropriate time frames may result in payment not being made.

1.9 QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Quality Management deliverables will include:

- Minimum qualitative and quantitative reporting of measures reflecting the operational and service development status, delivered annually.
- This report will be in the format determined by SDHR-Office of Resource Management.
- This report should be submitted to centralized.intake@dhr.alabama.gov by October 31st of every year for the prior fiscal year.

1.10 RECORD RETENTION

All records must be kept until the age of majority of the child (19) plus two years (21).



ATTESTATIONS AND DECLARATIONS FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES

VENDOR PROFILE AND EXPERIENCE

I (Vendor) attest that I have _____ months/years of experience providing services and/or services similar to those requested in the Addendum A for this procurement.

PAST AND PRESENT CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DEPARTMENT

I (Vendor) attest that I have listed below all current and past contracts with the Department and other state agencies including colleges/universities within the last three (3) years. If no such contract exists, so declare.

I currently have the following contracts with the state agencies listed below:

OR

I (Vendor) declare that I have had no contracts with the Department or any other state agency including colleges/universities within the last three (3) years.

AND;

I (Vendor) declare that none of our employees have been an employee of the State of Alabama within the past two (2) years.

OR



I (Vendor) declare that the following employees have been an employee of the State of Alabama within the past two (2) years. _____

CONTRACT PERFORMANCE

I (Vendor) declare that neither I nor any proposed subcontractor has had a contract terminated for default during the past five years. We did not receive notice to stop performance delivery due to non-performance or poor performance and no issues were (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the Vendor; nor (b) litigated where litigation determined the vendor to be at default.

OR

I (Vendor) declare that I and/or a proposed subcontractor have had a contract terminated for default during the past five years and we received a notice to stop performance delivery due to nonperformance or poor performance. The issue was (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the vendor; and/or (b) litigated and such litigation determined the vendor to be in default.

I (Vendor) declare that I and/or a proposed subcontractor have had a contract terminated for default during the past five years and we received a notice to stop performance delivery due to nonperformance or poor performance. The issue was (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the vendor; and/or (b) litigated and such litigation determined the vendor to be in default.

AND

I (Vendor) declare that at no time during the past five years, have we had a contract terminated for convenience, non-allocation of funds, or any other reason, where termination occurred before completion of all obligations under the initial contract provisions.

OR

I (Vendor) declare that during the past five years, we have had a contract terminated for convenience, non-allocation of funds, or any other reason, where termination occurred before completion of all obligations under the initial contract provisions.

I (Vendor) declare that I and/or a proposed subcontractor have had a contract terminated for default during the past five years and we received a notice to stop performance delivery due to nonperformance or poor performance. The issue was (a) not litigated due to inaction on the part of the vendor; and/or (b) litigated and such litigation determined the vendor to be in default.

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PROJECT STAFF/ JOB DESCRIPTIONS

I (Vendor) attest that I have attached to this application, job descriptions for all staff involved in this project. Each position has been described in a separate document, and the description includes the following: (1) title of the position; (2) the process or procedure for supervision; (3) minimum education, training and experience required; (4) working hours; (5) salary range; (6) narrative job summaries; and, (7) specific duties and responsibilities.

I (Vendor) attest that I have sufficient staff to perform the services required in the Addendum A for this procurement. I further attest that if sufficient staff is not currently available, staff will be obtained to provide the services by the start of the contract.

BACKGROUND CHECKS

I (Vendor) attest that I will adhere to the Department's background policy. I will ensure that no staff, regardless of level, has not been the subject of any incident or investigation which would call into question the propriety of that employee's working with this population of vulnerable adults.

I (Vendor) have attached to this application, documentation that each employee has a criminal background check, which includes ABI, FBI, and the CAN registry. I attest that I will adhere to the Department of Human Resources' policies and procedures for reporting allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. I attest that I will adhere to the Department of Human Resources' policies and procedures for addressing occurrences when an incident allegation is indicated or non-indicated.

VENDOR FINANCIAL STABILITY

I (Vendor) have attached to this application, the audited financial statement for the past year and letters from the auditor(s) who performed the previous two (2) financial audits immediately preceding the date of this application.

OR

I (Vendor) attest that I am a newly formed organization, who has been in business less than one year. I have attached to this application, copies of quarterly financial statements that have been prepared since the end of the period reported by our most recent annual report.



METHOD OF PROVIDING SERVICES

SERVICE DELIVERY APPROACH

I (Vendor) _____ agree to provide services as described in the Addendum A for this procurement and to provide services at rates not to exceed those specified in the contract. By submitting an application for a contract for these services, if awarded, I agree to acceptance of the Standard Terms and Conditions and any other provisions that are specific to this contract.

START-UP PLAN

I (Vendor) attest that I will be fully operational by the date indicated on the application.

ASSESSMENT OF BENEFITS AND IMPACT

I (Vendor) attest that I will assess the services provided to determine their effectiveness. I attest that I will implement a process approved by the Family Services Division to determine if expected benefits have occurred and their impact to program participants.

OFFICE LOCATION

I (Vendor) attest that the physical address where services will be performed under a contract with the Department in the event the Vendor becomes the Contractor will:



VENDOR CERTIFICATIONS

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Vendors must sign each statement below attesting that they warrant and represent to the Department that the vendor accepts and agrees with all certifications and terms and conditions of this Application. Further, by submitting this Application, the vendor certifies to the Department that they are legally authorized to conduct business within the State of Alabama and to carry out the services described in this document.

DEBARMENT

I (Vendor) attest that neither the vendor nor any of the vendor's trustees, officers, directors, agents, servants or employees (whether paid or voluntary) is debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension."

Authorized Vendor Signatory

Date

STANDARD CONTRACT

I (Vendor) agree to the use of the Department's standard contract document. The vendor will further comply with all the terms and conditions of that document, including, but not limited to, compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, Alabama Act No. 2000-775 (governing individuals in direct service positions who have unsupervised access to children), the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) as applicable, and all other federal and state laws, rules and regulations applicable to receiving funds from the Department to carry out the services described in this Application. Further, any contract executed pursuant to the Application must be subject to review by the Department's legal counsel as to its legality of form and compliance with State contract laws, terms and conditions, and may further be subject to review by the Alabama Legislative Contract Review Committee, Examiners of Public Accounts, the State Finance Director and the Office of the Governor.

Authorized Vendor Signatory

Date

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING

I (Vendor) agree that the vendor’s accounting system will be consistent with General Accepted Governmental Accounting Principles (GAAP). The vendor must maintain sufficient financial accounting records documenting all funding sources and applicable expenditure of all funds from all sources.

Authorized Vendor Signatory

Date

VENDOR WORK PRODUCT

I (Vendor) attest that the application submitted is the work product of said vendor. If the application is determined not to be the work product of the vendor, the application may, at the Department’s sole discretion, be rejected.

Authorized Vendor Signatory

Date

APPENDIX F: COST PROPOSAL

Contract Number:		DHR USE ONLY	Taxpayer ID#:
Agency:			
Address:			
Project Title:			
Budget Period:		to	

Rate Information:

YEAR 1:

Proposed Cost for Year 1: Number of Male Slots _____ x \$ _____ Fixed Daily Rate X 365 Days =\$ _____
Total Annual Cost

Proposed Cost for Year 1: Number of Female Slots _____ x \$ _____ Fixed Daily Rate X 365 Days
=\$ _____ Total Annual Cost

YEAR 2:

Proposed Cost for Year 2: Number of Male Slots _____ x \$ _____ Fixed Daily Rate X 365 Days =\$ _____
Total Annual Cost

Proposed Cost for Year 2: Number of Female Slots _____ x \$ _____ Fixed Daily Rate X 365 Days
=\$ _____ Total Annual Cost

APPENDIX G: BUDGET FORM

Contract Number:		DHR USE ONLY	Taxpayer ID#:		
Agency:					
Address:					
Project Title:					
Budget Period:	Year 1				
BUDGET ITEMS					TOTAL DHR SHARE
1. PERSONNEL					\$
2. SUBCONTRACTS					\$
3. TRAVEL					\$
4. SPACE					\$
5. SUPPLIES					\$
6. EQUIPMENT					\$
7. OTHER					\$
8. BUDGET TOTAL					\$
Itemize the sources of ALL non-departmental funds:					
Total Non-DHR Funding: \$					
DHR USE ONLY					
Approved for Mathematical Accuracy:					
Assistance Payments, Finance Division				Date	

3. TRAVEL	All out-of-state travel requires the Department's prior written approval.		
	Within project coverage area		\$
	In-state (out-of-coverage area)		\$
			\$
	Board Members - Within project coverage area		\$
	Board Members - In-state (out-of-coverage area)		\$
	TOTAL TRAVEL:		\$
4. SPACE	All repairs to facilities, regardless of the cost, require the Department's prior written approval.		
	Basic Local Phone Service		\$
	Long Distance		\$
	Rent/Lease		\$
	Use Allowance (Requires an FM-05 "USE ALLOWANCE – SPACE Form)		\$
	Utilities		\$
	Upkeep (buildings/grounds)		\$
	Minor Repairs		\$
	Other (specify)		\$
	TOTAL SPACE:		\$
5. SUPPLIES	Competitive bids may apply		
	Office Supplies		\$
	Computer-related Supplies		\$
	Custodial Supplies		\$
	Other (specify)		\$
	TOTAL SUPPLIES:		\$
6. EQUIPMENT	Itemize (attach a separate listing if needed.)		
	Purchase		\$
	Rental/Lease		\$
	Rental/Lease		\$

	Repairs	\$
	Maintenance Agreements	\$
	Use Allowance	\$
	Office Furniture	\$
	Office Furnishings	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT:	\$
7. OTHER		
	Membership Dues (itemize and attach a separate listing)	\$
	Subscriptions (itemize and attach a separate listing)	\$
	A-133 Audit	\$
	Liability Insurance	\$
	Attorney (Legal) Fees	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL OTHER:	\$

Contract Number:		DHR USE ONLY	Taxpayer ID#:		
Agency:					
Address:					
Project Title:					
Budget Period:	Year 2				
BUDGET ITEMS					TOTAL DHR SHARE
1. PERSONNEL					\$
2. SUBCONTRACTS					\$
3. TRAVEL					\$
4. SPACE					\$
5. SUPPLIES					\$
6. EQUIPMENT					\$
7. OTHER					\$
8. BUDGET TOTAL					\$
Itemize the sources of ALL non-departmental funds:					
Total Non-DHR Funding:					\$
DHR USE ONLY					
Approved for Mathematical Accuracy:					
Assistance Payments, Finance Division				Date	

1. PERSONNEL

	Within project coverage area	\$
	In-state (out-of-coverage area)	\$
		\$
	Board Members - Within project coverage area	\$
	Board Members - In-state (out-of-coverage area)	\$
	TOTAL TRAVEL:	\$
4. SPACE	All repairs to facilities, regardless of the cost, require the Department's prior written approval.	
	Basic Local Phone Service	\$
	Long Distance	\$
	Rent/Lease	\$
	Use Allowance (Requires an FM-05 "USE ALLOWANCE – SPACE Form)	\$
	Utilities	\$
	Upkeep (buildings/grounds)	\$
	Minor Repairs	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL SPACE:	\$
5. SUPPLIES	Competitive bids may apply	
	Office Supplies	\$
	Computer-related Supplies	\$
	Custodial Supplies	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL SUPPLIES:	\$
6. EQUIPMENT	Itemize (attach a separate listing if needed.)	
	Purchase	\$
	Rental/Lease	\$
	Rental/Lease	\$
	Repairs	\$

	Maintenance Agreements	\$
	Use Allowance	\$
	Office Furniture	\$
	Office Furnishings	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL EQUIPMENT:	\$
7. OTHER		
	Membership Dues (itemize and attach a separate listing)	\$
	Subscriptions (itemize and attach a separate listing)	\$
	A-133 Audit	\$
	Liability Insurance	\$
	Attorney (Legal) Fees	\$
	Other (specify)	\$
	TOTAL OTHER:	\$

APPENDIX A: DISCLOSURE STATEMENT



State of Alabama Disclosure Statement

Required by Article 3B of Chapter 16 of Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975

ENTITY COMPLETING FORM

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT THAT WILL RECEIVE GOODS, SERVICES, OR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GRANT AWARD

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

This form is provided with:

- Contract
 Proposal
 Request for Proposal
 Invitation to Bid
 Grant Proposal

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously performed work or provided goods to any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes
 No

If yes, identify below the State Agency/Department that received the goods or services, the type(s) of goods or services previously provided, and the amount received for the provision of such goods or services.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	TYPE OF GOODS/SERVICES	AMOUNT RECEIVED

Have you or any of your partners, divisions, or any related business units previously applied and received any grants from any State Agency/Department in the current or last fiscal year?

- Yes
 No

If yes, identify the State Agency/Department that awarded the grant, the date such grant was awarded, and the amount of the grant.

STATE AGENCY/DEPARTMENT	DATE GRANT AWARDED	AMOUNT OF GRANT

1. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/EMPLOYEE	ADDRESS	STATE DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

2. List below the name(s) and address(es) of all family members of public officials/public employees with whom you, members of your immediate family, or any of your employees have a family relationship and who may directly personally benefit financially from the proposed transaction. Identify the public officials/public employees and State Department/Agency for which the public officials/public employees work. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

NAME OF FAMILY MEMBER	ADDRESS	NAME OF PUBLIC OFFICIAL/ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE	STATE DEPARTMENT/ AGENCY WHERE EMPLOYED

If you identified individuals in items one and/or two above, describe in detail below the direct financial benefit to be gained by the public officials, public employees, and/or their family members as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe in detail below any indirect financial benefits to be gained by any public official, public employee, and/or family members of the public official or public employee as the result of the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

List below the name(s) and address(es) of all paid consultants and/or lobbyists utilized to obtain the contract, proposal, request for proposal, invitation to bid, or grant proposal:

NAME OF PAID CONSULTANT/LOBBYIST	ADDRESS

By signing below, I certify under penalty of perjury (in the jurisdiction in which it is executed) that all statements on or attached to this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further understand that a person who knowingly violates this article shall be subject to civil penalty in an amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or 10 percent of the amount of the contract, whichever is less, to be deposited in the State General Fund. Also, the contract or grant shall be voidable by the awarding agency.

Authorized Signatory _____ Date _____ Jurisdiction in which this Disclosure Statement is executed _____

The disclosure statement is required to be completed and filed with grant proposals in excess of \$25,000 and contracts that meet or exceed the threshold for bid or other formal solicitations under Article 5 of Chapter 4 of Title 41 or any other law that requires formal solicitation procedures for awarding public contracts.

APPENDIX D: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

State of _____)

County of _____)

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (ACT 2011-535, as amended by Act 2012-491)

DATE: _____

RE Contract/Grant/Incentive (describe by number or subject):

_____ **by and between**
_____ **(Contractor/Grantee) and**
_____ **(State Agency, Department or**
Public Entity)

The undersigned hereby certifies to the State of Alabama as follows:

1. The undersigned holds the position of _____ with the Contractor/Grantee named above, and is authorized to provide representations set out in this Certificate as the official and binding act of that entity, and has knowledge of the provisions of THE BEASON-HAMMON ALABAMA TAXPAYER AND CITIZEN PROTECTION ACT (ACT 2011-535 of the Alabama Legislature, as amended by Act 2012-491) which is described herein as "the Act".
2. Using the following definitions from Section 3 of the Act, select and initial either (a) or (b), below, to describe the Contractor/Grantee's business structure.

BUSINESS ENTITY. Any person or group of persons employing one or more persons performing or engaging in any activity, enterprise, profession, or occupation for gain, benefit, advantage, or livelihood, whether for profit or not for profit. "Business entity" shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a. Self-employed individuals, business entities filing articles of incorporation, partnerships, limited partnerships, limited liability companies, foreign corporations, foreign limited partnerships, foreign limited liability companies authorized to transact business in this state, business trusts, and any business entity that registers with the Secretary of State.
- b. Any business entity that possesses a business license, permit, certificate, approval, registration, charter, or similar form of authorization issued by the state, any business entity that is exempt by law from obtaining such a business license, and any business entity that is operating unlawfully without a business license.

EMPLOYER. Any person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint stock association, agent, manager, representative, foreman, or other person having control or custody of any employment, place of employment, or of any employee, including any person or entity employing any person for hire within the State of Alabama, including a public employer. This term shall not include the occupant of a household contracting with another person to perform casual domestic labor within the household.

____(a)The Contractor/Grantee is a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act.

____(b)The Contractor/Grantee is not a business entity or employer as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Act.

3. As of the date of this Certificate, Contractor/Grantee does not knowingly employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama and hereafter it will not knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama;

Department of Human Resources

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4. Contractor/Grantee is enrolled in E-Verify unless it is not eligible to enroll because of the rules of that program or other factors beyond its control.

Certified this _____ day of _____ 20____.

Name of Contractor/Grantee/Recipient

By: _____

Its _____

The above Certification was signed in my presence by the person whose name appears above, on this _____ day of _____ 20____.

WITNESS: _____

Printed Name of Witness