



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS SERIES #1
FOR
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RESPONSES
(LICENSED CHILD PLACEMENT AGENCY PER DIEM PROVIDERS)

Question 1: If the vendor is a DJS license group home provider, is it eligible to response the request?

Answer 1: The Expression of Interest is being issued for those providers that are licensed to deliver services for placement of children in foster care, treatment foster care, adoption and independent living preparation programs. Specifically, treatment foster care and independent living preparation programs. DJS does not issue licenses for Treatment Foster Care (TFC) and Independent Living Preparation (ILP) facilities.

Question 2: The vendor pointed out as follows:
Paragraph #1 states you are requesting "Expression of Interest responses from currently licensed per diem providers who provide or are interested in providing the following services....." Then,

Paragraph #2 "DHR is seeking to contract with providers who are licensed to operate private independent living programs that prepares and providers licensed by DHR's Office of Licensing and Monitoring, pursuant to COMAR 07.02.13.

Question 2(i): Can any DHR licensed provider express interest?

Answer 2(i): Yes, as long they are licensed to provide TFC and ILPn services consistent with the requirements of 07.05.01, 07.05.02.03, and 07.05.04.03.

Question 2(ii): As it relates to Independent Living services, does this include residential services or just program services such as life skills?

Answer 2(ii): The ILP shall be licensed and provide services as indicated in COMAR per section 07.05.04.03-10, which specify the requirements for admission, instruction and monitoring,

living accommodations, residents with infants, placement termination and records.

Question 2(iii): COMAR 07.02.13 lists Independent Agencies but do not define regulations specifically for Independent Living programs as I know them. Where is that specific regulation?

Answer 2(iii): The specific regulation is defined in 07.05.04.03. The Provider should also reference 07.05.04.04-10 which is specific to ILPs.

Question 2(iv): How soon does the State expect to fund the request?

Answer 2(iv): It is anticipated that contracts resulting from the Expression of Interest will begin on or about July 1, 2016.

Question 2(v): Providers have been told that the majority of youth in currently in care, ages out in two years. How long do the agency anticipate the need for these proposed services?

Answer 2 (v): Independent Living services are on-going services provided by DHR; however, the contracts are anticipated to last two years.