

Union County Human Services Request for Proposals

For: Parent Education Services for families involved with Children Services

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Proposal Due Date: 11/27/2023

Funds Available: \$65,000

Union County Human Services (UCHS) is seeking proposals for the purchase of parent education services for families involved with Children Services. These services will support the following objectives:

- Remedy or prevent child abuse and neglect;
- Prevent removal or promote reunification.

The service components ideally will include the following:

- Completion of an initial assessment, with input from the UCHS caseworker, on each referred family to determine the appropriate selection of services required to move that family towards the goals stated above. The population utilizing these contractual services will present with a wide range of needs.
- Focus on individualized services utilizing modeling, behavior specific case plans with defined outcomes, and child development curriculum specific to the needs of the family;
- Recognize the parent's role in setting goals for improving their parenting skills;
- Utilize evidence-based curriculum when appropriate, and best practices from both research and experience in the field;
- Include facilitated groups, when indicated, to reduce isolation, to sustain what is learned in other service components and/or to provide an initial base for learning;
- Provide programming that is inclusive of the children in the family (i.e. age appropriate classes for children, parent/child interaction under the observation of a professional, etc.);
- Provide on-site (locally or in parent's homes if appropriate) supervised visitation/parent coaching to biological parents/caregivers while they are visiting their child(ren);
- Provide classes or other programming tailored to specific issues or population groups (classes can be held at provider's location and/or at community sites, such as churches, community centers, etc.);
- Provide regular hours of operation for classes and meetings. Evening classes will be available and weekend classes are optional;
- Address transportation issues by site selecting close to client's home, providing transportation or conducting services in client's home, as required;
- Include referrals to community resources to support the family's needs;
- Include collaboration with UCHS agency caseworkers during daytime hours Monday-Friday 8:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.;

- Emphasize a holistic approach that emphasizes depth and real change in behavioral outcomes and provides for follow-up planning for parents;
- Recognize that Parent Educators have responsibility to testify in court proceedings when required;
- Provider will measure performance through a pre and post measurement tool designed to measure changes in knowledge, behaviors and attitudes regarding parenting and child behavior/development;
- Provide Monthly Reports to include specific relevant information on clients' progress on parenting abilities and how they demonstrated the progress.

Provider Proposals

1. Proposals must clearly outline all services provider plans to provide along with the costs associated with those services.
2. Provide must hold all treatment licenses and credentials as required by the State of Ohio and follow all rules in the Ohio Administrative Code and Ohio Revised Code.

Proposals may be sent to the attention of Julia Gibson at the address listed below with the subject line: Parent Education Services Proposal.

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