

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DATE: May 3, 2018

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) Community Service Division

RE: Request for Crisis Support Services

AWARDED TO CREATING BEHAVIORAL + EDUCATIONAL MOMENTUM **ON 5/31/18**

The Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) is a private nonprofit organization under contract with the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS). FNRC is part of a statewide network of 21 Regional Centers responsible for the coordination and development of service to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities in Shasta, Butte, Tehama, Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Glenn, Lassen and Plumas Counties.

FNRC is seeking proposals for the development of a crisis support services for clients residing in FNRC's service catchment area. The successful applicant will develop a clinical team(s) to provide crisis intervention to clients residing in licensed residential facilities, Supportive Living Services, or in their family home in community settings. In cases where clients cannot receive direct treatment/support, services may be brought to client via usage of technology. Applicant will be working with individuals who may present with challenging behaviors, mental health concerns, have a history of repeated psychiatric hospitalization, or failures in numbers residential placement settings. Applicant will also provide education and support to other community agencies, such as first responders and mental health agencies. The intent of this crisis support service is to reduce, eliminate or prevent future incidents of severe behaviors posing a health or safety risk. Client stabilization and maintenance is the ultimate goal.

Project will include educating residential service providers and community professionals to build interagency collaboration in providing treatment and support to individuals with intellectual disabilities and mental health diagnosis. It may also involve training to direct care staffs and/or families about best practices in evidence-based services and on how to communicate effectively to health care professionals on client psychiatric needs and outreach on preventive measures for inpatient mental health treatments.

Prospective applicants must have experience in providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities, including dual diagnosis of Developmental Delay and Mental Health Disorders, potential forensic involvement, substance abuse, behavioral needs, and cognitively challenged, and other medical diagnosis. These clients will present with challenging behaviors accompanied by psychiatric needs including the need for inpatient hospitalization where as conventional services in the past have failed. Prospective applicant should have knowledge of the

local county mental health service system and experience in implementing effective psychiatric treatment to the community.

Start up funding is available through FNRC's Community Placement Plan (CPP) funding. CPP provides services and resources to assist with moving individuals who reside at State Development Centers into the community, as well as assist individuals who are at risk of having to move into living settings outside of his or her home. Start up funding for the development is up to \$250,000.00.

All interested parties are required to submit a proposal to FNRC. Proposals should include:

- a) A letter listing the applicant's name, address, phone number.
- b) Description of the applicant's education, experience related to the field of developmental disabilities and psychiatric services.
- c) Service model proposal to meet the challenging behaviors and mental health needs of Regional Center consumers.
- d) How on-going support team will provide continual support to clients.
- e) How the crisis support team plans to cover FNRC's huge geographic area, with the use technology or direct service professionals.
- f) A statement outlining the applicant's plan to serve diverse populations, including, but limited to, culturally and linguistically diverse populations.
- g) Budget proposal for the development of this program and for on-going services.

Please submit proposals to:

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Application deadline: May 21, 2018 by 5pm.

Applicants who meet the proposal criteria will be contacted and may be invited to participate in an interview process. Please contact Kao Saechao should you have any question(s) regarding this proposal.