

Request for Letters of Interest

DATE: April 26, 2022

TO: All Interested Parties

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

RE: Early Start/Early Intervention Services

Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC) is a private non-profit 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 services to meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities in Shasta, Butte, Tehama, Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Glenn, Lassen and Plumas Counties.

FNRC is accepting Letters of Interest for the following Early Start /Early Intervention (EI) services:

1. **Occupational Therapy (OT) + Feeding Therapy;**
2. **Physical Therapy (PT);**
3. **Speech Language Pathology (SLP) + Feeding Therapy;**
4. **Infant Development Program (IDP)**
5. **Autism Evaluations**

Description of Requested Services: Specialized Therapeutic Services will be for children ages 0-5 years who are diagnosed with a developmental disability or at risk of developing a developmental disability. Services must be provided in the child's natural environment, including their home or a community setting where children without disabilities participate. These services must be related to OT+Feeding Therapy, PT, SLP+ Feeding Therapy, and IDP. Autism evaluations will assist in obtaining necessary diagnoses as part of the eligibility process for regional center services.

Locations to be served: All counties within FNRC's catchment area which includes Shasta, Butte, Tehama, Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Glenn, Lassen and Plumas Counties.

Reimbursement: Established rates will be set by DDS or FNRC, depending on the service code.

Applicant Eligibility: Depending upon the specifics of the proposal to be submitted, for Early Start specialized therapeutic services applicants may be required to have a minimum of 6 to 12 months of experience providing direct support to children aged 0-36 months in their natural environment and any applicable experience as required by Early Intervention and Early Start Federal and State Statutes and Regulations: IDEA, Part C; CFR 34 Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities; California Code of Regulations Title 14, CEISA; and Title 17. For autism evaluations, applicants must have the qualifications, experience and

appropriate training diagnosing individuals on the autism spectrum. All applicants must demonstrate good standing with their respective Licensing Board.

Application Process: All interested parties shall complete a Letter of Interest with a resume and applicable license, certifications and/or credentials attached. Please submit application to:

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