



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
 STATE OF MAINE

PROCUREMENT JUSTIFICATION FORM (PJF)

This form must accompany all contract requests and sole source requisitions (RQS) over \$5,000 submitted to the Division of Procurement Services.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please provide the requested information in the white spaces below. All responses (except signatures) must be typed; no hand-written forms will be accepted. See the guidance document posted with this form on the Division of Procurement Services intranet site (Forms page) for additional instructions.

PART I: OVERVIEW				
Department Office/Division/Program:		OCFS/Family First Prevention Services Act		
Department Contract Administrator or Grant Coordinator:		Jennifer Levesque \ Brianne Carrero		
(If applicable) Department Reference #:		CFS-25-8761		
Amount: (Contract/Amendment/Grant)		\$ 1,200,000.00	Advantage CT / RQS #:	CT-10A-20240509000000003174
CONTRACT	Proposed Start Date:	7/1/2024	Proposed End Date:	9/30/2025
AMENDMENT	Original Start Date:		Effective Date:	
	Previous End Date:		New End Date:	
GRANT	Project Start Date:		Grant Start Date:	
	Project End Date:		Grant End Date:	
Vendor/Provider/Grantee Name, City, State:		Youth Villages Inc. Bartlett, TN		
Brief Description of Goods/Services/Grant:		Intensive Intercept® Services		

PART II: JUSTIFICATION FOR VENDOR SELECTION			
Check the box below for the justification(s) that applies to this request. (Check all that apply.)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	A. Competitive Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	G. Grant
<input type="checkbox"/>	B. Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	H. State Statute/Agency Directed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C. Single Source/Unique Vendor	<input type="checkbox"/>	I. Federal Agency Directed
<input type="checkbox"/>	D. Proprietary/Copyright/Patents	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. Willing and Qualified
<input type="checkbox"/>	E. Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/>	K. Client Choice
<input type="checkbox"/>	F. University Cooperative Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	L. Other Authorization

Please respond to ALL of the questions in the following sections.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

1. Provide a more detailed description and explain the need for the goods, services or grant to supplement the response in Part I.

Many children and families in Maine are unable to access community-based family support services due to workforce shortages and the State's lengthy waitlists. With that, Maine is seeing an increase in children entering foster care due to child abuse/neglect. As part of Maine's Family First Prevention Services initiative, OCFS hopes to increase access to services funded by state and federal Title IV-E Prevention funds to support and strengthen families and keep children safely in their home in lieu of entering foster care. OCFS would like to pilot the evidenced based Intercept® model for child welfare involved families in hopes of adding this service to the menu of Family First Prevention Services in Maine in the near future.

By utilizing the existing infrastructure of the Intercept® pilot project funded by Children's Behavioral Health in York, Cumberland, and Oxford counties, OCFS will work to specifically fund a team of specialists to accept referrals only from Child Welfare staff of families where children are at high risk of entering foster care with the goal of strengthening families to prevent or limit the need for foster care. Intercept® is an integrated approach to in-home parent skill development that offers a variety of evidence-based practices to meet the individualized needs of children and families. Intercept® is appropriate for families with children up to age eighteen (18), who have serious emotional and behavioral problems. The program specializes in working with children who are at high risk of entry or re-entry into foster care by providing youth and families with resources and skills to help strengthen the family so that children remain safely at home or returning home from out-of-home care (prevention and reunification).

Intercept® is a model which is delivered by Youth Villages and will provide 24/7 availability/clinical support to support reduction of out-of-home placement and improved outcomes for children and families. Intercept® provides prevention and reunification services that include intensive in-home parenting skills and mental health services for children and their families. Intercept® services are delivered in each family's home and community and are designed to meet the needs of caregivers and children. Intercept® is not an office-based program. Maine will be able to utilize existing Youth Villages staff from Maine and New Hampshire (clinical staff will be dually licensed in Maine and New Hampshire) who will provide the physical support/services in Maine. This pilot will prioritize the children at high risk of entering foster care and will be assessed throughout the contract period and evaluated for effectiveness. If successful, OCFS hopes to expand this program to statewide in the future.

2. Provide a brief justification for the selected vendor to supplement the response in Part II. Reference the RFP number, if applicable.

The Intercept® model is proprietary, developed and owned by the Provider, therefore is not available or provided by another vendor. The Youth Villages Intercept® program model receives well-supported designation from Family First Clearinghouse of evidenced-based programs.

OCFS has Family First Transition Grant funds that will expire in September 2025 of which are specifically designed to establish programs in Maine to be implemented and sustained under Family First Prevention Services in the future. Youth Villages Intercept® program model receives well-supported designation from the Family First Clearinghouse of evidenced based programs.

PART III: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

3. Explain how the negotiated costs or rates are fair and reasonable; or how the funding was allocated to grantee.

The cost of this service is comparable to staffing costs for this level of care in Maine. The Provider is available 24/7/365 and provides crisis support, as needed. If these services were unbundled, the cost would be greater than \$132.00 per day.

4. Describe the plan for future competition for the goods or services.

The Department will determine at the conclusion of the Pilot if the service continues based on assessed outcomes and deliverable-based performance.

PART IV: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) / MAINE JOBS & RECOVERY PLAN (MJRP)

Does this request utilize ARPA/MJRP funds?


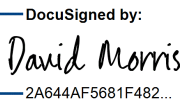
Yes, MJRP funds (023) – If Yes, please attach the approved Business Case(s).

Yes, ARPA funds (025) – If Yes, please be aware of the requirements from awarding federal agencies.

No – If No, proceed to Part V.

PART V: APPROVALS

The signatures below indicate approval of this procurement request.

Signature of requesting Department's Commissioner (or designee):			
Typed Name:	Jim Lopatosky	Date:	Aug-28-2024
Signature of DAFS Procurement Official:			
Typed Name:	David Morris	Date:	8/28/2024

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