



## **Emergency Foster Homes: Call for Proposals**

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (“Department”) requests proposals from community-based organizations with the capacity to meet specific needs of youth that require emergency foster care placement. The Department seeks to increase its capacity to care for youth and young adults in crisis situations that result in placement disruptions. A summary description is provided in the narrative below with further detail in subsequent sections of this Call for Proposals. If you are interested and able to submit a Proposal responsive to this Call, the State appreciates and welcomes your Proposal.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

This Call for Proposals is exempt from the requirements of the Illinois Procurement Code under the Purchase of Care exemption provided in 30 ILCS 500/1-10(b)(3). However, recipients will be required to complete the Department’s specific contractual requirements, including licensing requirements, prior to awarding a contract or grant agreement.

### **Brief Description:**

The Department acknowledges an increased need to expand its emergency foster home capacity in order to adequately care for youth recently removed from their homes or who may have disrupted from their current living arrangement. These youth need a short-term care setting until a relative or long-term foster family is found. The emotional and behavioral health needs of these youth vary, but in all cases, these youth have a history of neglect, abuse, and/or dependency. Many of the youth in this population experience emotional, psychological, behavioral, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities or other learning challenges.

### **Scope of Need:**

The Department is seeking proposals for emergency foster home programs throughout the State of Illinois for youth who are between the ages of 8 and 20 and have significant emotional and behavioral health needs. Although this population is roughly 1% of the total population of youth in the Department’s care, the Department is in need of additional providers with the capacity, expertise, and innovative programming to provide immediate safety and well-being for this population of youth. Emergency foster homes offer short-term living arrangements and crisis stabilization services to youth who have been displaced from their homes. These placements are temporary living arrangements with service delivery focusing on providing a safe setting, while the Department secures a next home or placement. This must include intake services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In order to serve clients in their home community, the Department currently needs emergency foster home services in each of its four regions of the State (Northern, Cook, Central, and Southern).

**Please address each of the following:**

- Brief statement expressing interest in providing emergency foster home services.
- Provide a brief profile of the agency, organization and/or entity:
  - A brief description of past/current work/experience in child welfare/human services/social services
  - Experience in delivering crisis, short-term stabilization interventions to youth
- Responses to the following:
  - Who will deliver the programming? (description of staff roles)
  - How does the proposed programming offer multidisciplinary approach to service delivery?
  - How will supervision be provided to support the program?
  - Where in the State will the work be delivered?
  - Projected client capacity, including age ranges.
  - What is the projected client capacity, including age ranges?
  - A detailed program evaluation and continuous quality assurance plan.
- Cost analysis
  - Rate determination should include allocation for staffing and resources. Provider should consider the number of clients served per month and per fiscal year.

**Proposals that do not adhere to the form and content of this Call for Proposals may not be considered.**

**Proposal Submission Deadline: January 31, 2022**

**Vendor Meeting: January 5, 2022 11:30AM (Webex link to follow)**

**Proposals should be sent to:**

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