



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

RFI NO. 2023HCA12

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SCOPE TITLE: Pregnant and Parenting Individuals (PPI) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Residential Treatment Facility (RTF)

SUBMISSION DUE DATE: December 20, 2023, by 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, Olympia, Washington, USA.

E-mailed submissions will be accepted. Faxed submissions will not.

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1. RFI GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This Request for Information (RFI) is seeking information that will assist the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) in the prospective procurement and implementation of a 16-bed in-patient Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) in Grays Harbor County, for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) specializing in treating Pregnant and Parenting Individuals (PPI) and their children, using a Family Preservation Model.

1.1 RFI GOALS

HCA is issuing this RFI to:

- 1.1.1 Inform the provider community on a prospective competitive procurement; and
- 1.1.2 To learn the following from the provider community:
 - 1.1.2.1 Are there existing providers with facilities in Grays Harbor County providing similar services?
 - 1.1.2.2 Are there outpatient providers in Grays Harbor County interested in operating an in-patient 16 bed RTF serving PPI with their children?
 - 1.1.2.3 Are there current providers in Washington State interested in operating an RTF serving PPI and their children, in Grays Harbor County?
 - 1.1.2.4 Do the interested providers currently hold a license as an RTF provider?
 - 1.1.2.5 Do potential foreseen risks and challenges exist? If so, what are they?

2. BACKGROUND

In 2022 the Washington State Legislature, through Engrossed Senate Bill 6041, section 215 sub 108 directed HCA in partnership with Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Family Services (DCYF) to develop a 16-bed SUD RTF in Grays Harbor County, specializing in treating PPI and their children, using a Family Preservation Model.

The goal of a Family Preservation Model is to keep families with children safely together and prevent out of home placement. A Family Preservation Model is a multifaceted approach to SUD treatment across the continuum of care. The model serves PPI and their children, the (I in PPI) includes fathers and couples. The model is:

- 2.1 equitable, serving underrepresented, vulnerable populations;
- 2.2 incorporating an interdisciplinary approach, to reduce barriers for families;
- 2.3 culturally centered, designed to serve diverse family systems;
- 2.4 trauma informed; acknowledging impacts of trauma, with intention to provide safe care; and
- 2.5 A goal is to keep families involved in the child welfare system safely together, or work towards reunification. The heart of the model is whole family healing.

Child-welfare involved caregiver(s) and pregnant individuals with a SUD greatly benefit when access to treatment is available and coordination of care is provided.

3. REPORTED DATA

Data reports completed by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)—Research and Data Analysis (RDA) Division and DCYF— Office of Innovation, Alignment, and Accountability highlight the point described in Section 2. Background. Key findings include:

- 3.1 1/4 of Washington State child welfare-involved caregivers had an indication of SUD and only 39% received any treatment within 12 months of a Child Protective Services (CPS) intake. 60%

of out-of-home placement caregivers had an indication of SUD while 49 % of those with a SUD treatment need received any SUD treatment within 12 months of the child's removal, [research-7-121.pdf \(wa.gov\)](#).

3.2 2022 Statistics, in accordance with DCYF [Prevention Dashboard | Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families](#):

- 3.2.1 35 children 0–1-year-old (children birth to just under 2 years of age) were placed in out of home care (OOH) in Grays Harbor County, of which 50% were reported as American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN).
- 3.2.2 23 newborns (birth to the first 30 days) were placed in out of home care (OOH) in Grays Harbor County.

4. RFI RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

This section outlines the elements requested in the response for this RFI. Subsequent sections provide additional background and detail on these requested response elements. The timeline in Section 5.2 includes time for additional questions to address any information not covered in the subsequent sections.

HCA is seeking information on potential providers that would collaboratively work with HCA and DCYF to achieve the RFI goals listed above in Section 1.1.

Exhibit A, attached, contains questions and desired capabilities that are to be used as prompts for the information being sought under this RFI.

Responses may include any preprinted materials that would provide the information HCA requests.

Respondents do not need to answer every question in order to submit a response; Respondents should feel free to only answer those questions that are applicable to their organization.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

5.1 RFI COORDINATOR

Please submit responses to the RFI Coordinator at the following address and/or email:

Name	Lyudmila Kozlova
E-Mail Address	HCAProcurements@hca.wa.gov

Please be sure to include the RFI Number (2023HCA12) in the subject line of any emails.

5.2 RFI SCHEDULE

Activity	Date
Release RFI	November 21, 2023
Vendor Questions due by 2:00 p.m.	December 6, 2023
Answers to Vendor Questions	December 11, 2023
Vendor Submissions due by 2:00 p.m.	December 20, 2023

HCA reserves the right to change the RFI Schedule at any time.

5.3 RESPONSE FORMAT

Please do not cut and paste responses into this RFI. Instead, provide a response as a separate document using the corresponding item number listed in Exhibit A.

Responses should be provided in an electronic format, such as Adobe Acrobat or Microsoft Word. This will assist in HCA's review process. You only need to provide a single copy of your response. Responses may be provided in more than one file and submitted in more than one email. HCA prefers that all responses be submitted via email to the RFI Coordinator. A physical copy of responses and materials will also be accepted. However, faxed responses will not.

Please note that HCA will not accept zipped or compressed files in connection with this RFI. HCA will not open any such file. If individual files to a response are too large, please send multiple emails instead of compressing files.

5.4 Cost of Response

You will not be reimbursed for any costs associated with preparing or presenting any response to this RFI.

5.5 Response Property of HCA

All materials submitted in response to this RFI become the property of HCA. HCA has the right to use any of the ideas presented in any response to the RFI.

5.6 Public Records and Proprietary Information

Any information contained in the response that is proprietary or confidential must be clearly designated as such. The page and the particular exception(s) from disclosure must be identified. Each page claimed to be exempt from disclosure must be clearly identified by the word "confidential" printed on the **lower right hand corner** of the page. Marking the entire response as confidential will be neither accepted nor honored and may result in disclosure of the entire response.

To the extent consistent with chapter 42.56 RCW, the Public Records Act, HCA will maintain confidentiality of your information marked confidential or proprietary. If a request is made to view your proprietary information, HCA will notify you of the request and of the date that the records will be released to the requester unless you obtain a court order enjoining that disclosure. If you fail to obtain the court order enjoining disclosure, HCA will release the requested information on the date specified in its notice to you.

HCA's sole responsibility will be limited to maintaining the above data in a secure area and to notify you of any request(s) for disclosure for so long as HCA retains your information in HCA records. Failure to so label such materials, or failure to timely respond after notice of request for public records has been given, will be deemed a waiver by you of any claim that such materials are exempt from disclosure.

5.7 REVISIONS TO THE RFI

HCA reserves the right to amend this RFI at any time. In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFI, addenda will be provided via e-mail to all individuals who have made the RFI Coordinator aware of their interest. Addenda will also be published on Washington's Electronic Bid

System (WEBS). The website can be located at <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>. For this purpose, the published questions and answers and any other pertinent information will be provided as an addendum to the RFI and will be placed on the website.

HCA reserves the right to cancel or reissue this RFI at any time, without obligation or liability.

5.8 NO OBLIGATION TO BUY OR ISSUE SOLICITATION

HCA will not contract with any vendor as a result of this RFI. While HCA may use responses to this RFI to draft a competitive solicitation for the subject of these services, issuing this RFI does not compel HCA to do so.

Responding to this RFI will not be a requirement of future solicitations. Responses and information provided in response to this RFI will not be considered when evaluating bidders responding to any future solicitation.

If HCA does a solicitation, HCA will post it on WEBS.

5.9 SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

Any solution HCA procures and implements will need to comply with applicable state, federal, and industry regulations, such as the following:

- 5.9.1 HIPAA Privacy, Security and Breach Notifications
- 5.9.2 WA State OCIO Security Standard, OCIO 141.10
- 5.9.3 42 CFR Part 2
- 5.9.4 RCW 70.02
- 5.9.5 HCA Privacy and Security Policies, such as HCA 1-02 and HCA 6-16
- 5.9.6 NIST 800-53 Rev 4

Further information about any of the above can be provided at vendor request.

Exhibit A

Please provide responses to the questions below as applicable to your organization. Organizations do not need to submit responses to every question in order to provide a response.

- 1.) Describe whether your organization is an existing facility (in-patient or out-patient) or is interested in providing services in Grays Harbor County as described in this RFI.
- 2.) If your organization is interested in providing the 16 bed RTF described in this RFI, does your organization currently hold a license as an RTF provider?
- 3.) If your organization provides similar services, describe any operational changes needed to provide in-patient SUD services in the RTF described to:
 - a. child welfare involved caregivers with court order visitation schedules;
 - b. mix milieu (male and female) of adult clients and children under the age of 18;
 - c. accommodating children, i.e., therapeutic childcare; and
 - d. accommodation: school-based service, i.e., online school service.
- 4.) If your organization already provides or is interested in providing the 16-bed RTF described in this RFI, describe the following:
 - a. How many total children could accompany their parents within your program at one time?
 - b. How many children per parent would be allowable per client room?
- 5.) As a SUD RTF serving PPI and their children (age served, 0-12), implementing a family preservation model, the RTF must provide the following:
 - a. withdrawal management,
 - b. medication for opiate use disorder (MOUD) case management for transitional housing, and
 - c. employment, and educational opportunities in parenting skills,
 - d. pediatric transition plans for parents transitioning into treatment with their infant after birth,
 - e. counseling (family, individual, group therapy) provided by a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC) or Clinical Social Worker (CSW),
 - f. SUD counseling by a SUD Professional/Trainee,
 - g. onsite childcare (required, per the Washington State Department of Health (DOH),
 - h. transportation for school aged children,
 - i. Intensive Outpatient (IOP) and Outpatient (OP) services; and
 - j. community based behavioral health referrals.
 - i. How does your facility currently meet the components of a family preservation model?
 - ii. If your facility does not currently meet these components what organizational changes need to be made and implemented to meet the components of a family preservation model?
 - iii. Describe any potential foreseeable risks, challenges, and obstacles the providers could encounter in making the operational changes to meet the scope of the described RFI and/or providing these services as described in the RFI.
 - iv. Does your facility currently hold any Care Coordination Agreements with Tribes in Washington? If not, is the provider willing to enter into such agreements to ensure the best outcomes regarding transition and discharge planning for AI/AN individuals at the facility?