**This is not a request for bids**

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) contemplates awarding a sole source contract to Youth Motivating Others through Voices of Experience National, or Youth MOVE National, to provide technical assistance (TA) to Family Youth System Partner Round Tables (FYSPRTs) and connected youth serving systems to evaluate and improve youth engagement and leadership in alignment with Washington State Children’s Behavioral Health Principles, T.R. Settlement Agreement/Wraparound with Intensive Services, and the Regional FYSPRT Manual.

HCA requires a contractor uniquely qualified to provide technical assistance to FYSPRTs and connected youth serving systems around engaging youth and young adults and youth and young adult leadership. Connected youth serving systems could include but are not limited to the HCA’s Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR), a Statewide Youth Leadership Network and other components of the Child, Youth and Family Behavioral Health Governance Structure. Engagement and leadership of diverse and historically excluded young people, including but not limited to the BIPOC, disability, and LGBTQIA+ communities, is an essential component of creating change in the behavioral health system to improve outcomes for all youth and their families. Technical assistance is needed to support and create sustainability for diverse youth voice, engagement, and leadership in the FYSPRTs and connected youth serving systems.

HCA will enter into a one (1) year contract with Youth Motivating Others through Voices of Experience National, or Youth MOVE National. The contract will be issued on or after October 1, 2022 and will continue for a one (1) year initial term. The cost of the initial term is $60,000. HCA may opt to extend the contract for an additional one (1) year for up to the same contract amount, in whatever increments HCA deems appropriate. HCA determines that each optional extension would result in equal (and /or slightly higher) consideration being added to the total contract value.

This is not an invitation to bid. However, vendors contemplating the above requirements can submit capability statements demonstrating their ability to meet HCA’s requirements with a quote for providing the services within ten (10) business days of this announcement.

Capability statements must address the following requirements:

1. Well-established youth led and driven, chapter-based organization dedicated to improving services and systems that support positive growth and development for youth.
2. Works by uniting the voices of individuals who have lived experience as a young person in various systems, including behavioral health (mental health and substance use), juvenile justice, education, and child welfare.
3. Empowers youth and young adults to be equal partners in behavioral health systems change and also supports adults to create environments for youth to be their authentic selves and provide their authentic voice and feedback to impact behavioral health systems change.
4. Has more than 60 chapters across the United States with young people in each community or state deciding on the needs in that area and then working to address those needs. This network of chapters keeps Youth MOVE connected and in touch with youth needs nationwide as well as connected to how other communities and states are engaging young people in behavioral health systems change work.
5. Facilitators and coaches are young professionals with lived experience as a young person in navigating behavioral health, child welfare or juvenile justice systems and are matched with those.
receiving technical assistance based on the needs and goals for their FYSPRT or the connected youth serving system.

6. Can support FYSPRTs or connected youth serving systems using data driven tools including:
   - Youth/Young Adult Voice at the Agency Level (Y-VAL), a validated tool.
   - Youth/Young Adult Voice on Committees/Councils (Y-VOC), modeled after the Y-VAL and is specific to assessing youth voice on governance and advisory committees.
   - Both tools are data driven to help agencies or governance councils identify their strengths around youth engagement and leadership and also their barriers or growth areas. These tools and the themes they assess are the base for the technical assistance provided.

7. Has expertise amassed from work in each of the 50 states including some tribes and territories.

8. Has experience with national work with federal grantee programs such as the Children’s Mental Health Initiative (also known as the System of Care), Healthy Transitions, Project Aware and Clinical High Risk for Psychosis grants. Youth MOVE is the only national, youth led and driven organization that provides technical assistance in each of these federal grant programs.

9. Is currently an organization employing young adults with lived experience in behavioral health and other youth serving systems as facilitators of national technical assistance.

10. Has detailed and current knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Behavioral Health Governance Structure and System of Care values and principles.

Interested vendors will be considered only if they respond with clear and convincing documentation that they can meet the above requirements. In the absence of other qualified sources, it is HCA’s intent to make a sole source award of the contract.

**Capability statements must be submitted via email to the Sole Source Coordinator listed below, including the subject line provided, no later than September 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.** The emailed capability statement must be less than 25 Mb. Do not send zipped files.

Sole Source Coordinator Contact Information:

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*Note: This contract requires a ten (10) day public inspection period and approval by the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES). HCA will not award the sole source contract unless or until DES approves.*