



**OFFICIAL RESPONSES TO VENDOR QUESTIONS
 RFA-2025-DCYF-01-TIERE**

No.	Section	Question	Answer
1.	1.3. Procurement Timetable	Will the Department consider extending the Vendor Solicitation Response Due Date to allow more time for review of the Department Response to Questions?	Yes. See Addendum #1.
2.	1.4.2. Objective	Are the referrals for the TTFC program only for youth stepping down from congregate care, or can a youth be referred to avoid congregate care?	Any youth can be referred to the program. The Department plans to serve an array of children and eligibility will not be determined based on placement history.
3.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.1.	Will all youth start at Tier 3, or can a youth start at a lower Tier?	The Department will consider placements for youth into the program for Tier 2 and Tier 3 only. Youth will not start at Tier 1. The Department anticipates 80% of placements will be for Tier 3.
4.	Scope of Services, Sections 2.1.1.1. and 2.1.11.4.	Tier 3 requires youth to receive at a minimum three (3) hours of case management and two (2) hours of clinical support each week. Staff are also required to be in the home a minimum of two (2) hours a week and meet with the youth alone once. Does the two (2) hours a week in the home count towards required case management and clinical support hours?	Yes.

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5.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.1.2. – 2.1.1.3. and 2.1.11.4.	Tiers 2 and 1 require the same amount of clinical hours, case management, and hours staff must be in the home. Can you please clarify why these are the same since they each have a different rate?	Yes. See Addendum #2.
6.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.4.2.	What level of case management is expected to be provided for parents vs. the youth?	The level of expectation for TTFC cases will be similar to what is currently expected in ISO foster care cases under He-C 6355.
7.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.4.8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. What is child health support assistance? b. Will this be provided under the TTFC daily rate? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Under the TTFC program, child health support assistance is efforts made to aide reunification with the youth’s family by providing the family with guidance and through structured facilitation of parenting time. b. Yes, however the Department will work with the selected Vendor(s) to determine if additional payment is needed for extenuating circumstances.
8.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.4.9.1.	Who pays for child care costs for the TTFC youth?	The Department will pay for child care as it does for all foster children.
9.	Scope of Services, Section 2.1.10.2.7.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Is the TTFC program replacing the current Individual Service Option (ISO) foster care program? b. If not, can a foster home have a child from each of these programs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The TTFC program is not replacing the current ISO foster care program. b. A foster family identified for TTFC is limited to taking only one youth at a time for this program. However, the family can accept other placements as they do now; in compliance with He-C 6446 and He-C 6355. The TTFC youth will be counted in the number of placements under the home’s foster care license.