

DODD Youth Residential Pilot - RFI Questions & Responses

Question	Response
1. What is the definition or geographic range of "Central Ohio"?	Franklin and surrounding counties.
2. Must the program be in Central Ohio and will the departments consider a proposal/project in southern Ohio?	The program must be in Central Ohio (see #1). DODD is interested in expanding the pilot beyond Central Ohio in the future, and would encourage providers outside of Central Ohio to submit a proposal for future consideration.
3. Are there certain counties taking part?	The project must be based in Central Ohio but will serve youth from across the state.
4. Because this program is intended for youth in Central Ohio, would our physical location preclude us from participation?	To clarify, the program must be located in Central Ohio, but during the pilot year, it is likely the youth served will come from across the state. It is the intent of DODD to replicate this project in other areas of the state, so youth can be served closer to home/in their region after the initial pilot. See responses to #2 and 3 above.
5. Was there a specific area in Ohio you had planned to implement the pilot?	See 1-4 above
6. Is there a range of support set aside for the grant?	No. DODD encourages applicants to submit their applications with reasonable/justifiable costs, current rates, etc. in mind.
7. Has a dollar figure been determined for State Fiscal Year 2017 pertaining to the funds allocated to address funding gaps, strengthen and/or expand an existing program, etc.?	No. See #6
8. Application mentions accepting referrals by October, is there a set number of youth that you all envisioned would participate in the pilot?	No. DODD expects applicants to indicate how many youth they would serve. See 2b of Statement of Interest.
9. Is there a preferred starting number or range of individuals served that would be required to be involved in this pilot project?	No. See #8
10. Within a residential treatment center setting, what is the estimated number of beds that need to be available to support referrals coming from OFCFC?	DODD expects applicants to indicate how many youth they would service. See 2b of Statement of Interest.
11. The RFI mentions crisis services, what type of crisis services is the RFI looking to develop?	DODD would expect applicants to indicate what crisis services they would offer. Some examples might include mobile crisis teams or crisis respite.

<p>12. The webinar posted the link to ODODD's rule for Behavioral Support Strategies that include Restrictive Measures. To clarify, this rule will only govern DD services and not other non-DD services such as mental health services provided?</p>	<p>The rule applies to people served, regardless of funding source/service setting. If you are providing services to someone eligible within the DD system, you must follow the rule at all times.</p>
<p>13. How are the use of physical interventions (restraints to keep client, staff and others safe) viewed within this population specific to the RFI?</p>	<p>As indicated in the RFI, the applicant should include their behavioral support philosophy, policies, etc. It is expected that the chosen applicant will follow DODD's Behavioral Support Strategies rule. See #12</p>
<p>14. Would alarms be permitted to be used for safety only purposes?</p>	<p>Alarms are permissible under DODD rules, however, if the alarms result in a restrictive measure (i.e., someone is physically prevented from leaving, physically escorted back to a certain place, etc.) the DODD's Behavioral Support Strategies rule would apply.</p>
<p>15. Will the RFI fund empty set aside beds for OFCFC placements until filled with a youth?</p>	<p>DODD does not typically fund "set aside beds." If an applicant anticipates operating their program this way, they should include this in their project description and budget for consideration.</p>
<p>16. If the RFI moves forward and a provider is chosen, how will families, boards of mental health and developmental disabilities and county FCFCs become aware of this pilot program? Will the RFI fund marketing or trainings about the pilot program to these entities? If so, who will do the marketing or trainings, ODODD or the chosen provider?</p>	<p>This is intended to be a small pilot with DODD, in cooperation with Ohio Family and Children First Council, being the sole referral source. There is no anticipated need for marketing and DODD would not expect this to be included in a budget. Any training included would be training for staff/those directly involved in the program.</p>
<p>17. Will the chosen provider be a part of the OFCFC's high-fidelity wrap around (HFWA) team or will the provider be providing the evidenced-based HFWA team based planning process used to develop plans of care?</p>	<p>The chosen provider will not be a part of Ohio Family and Children First Council, which is solely composed of state agencies. The chosen provider should work closely with the local Family and Children First Council. As indicated in 2c of Statement of Interest, applicants should describe their high-fidelity wraparound experience and approach.</p>
<p>18. On page 2, the RFI states available funds are not intended to pay for direct services otherwise covered but to address funding gaps. Would the two scenarios below be considered situations of uncovered services and would gap funding kick in to support the needs of the youth? (EG)</p>	<p>The RFI is intended to cover funding gaps. The applicant should consider their reasonable costs for needed services and supports and all possible revenue sources. If there is a gap between reasonable costs for needed services and supports and revenue, then the RFI could potentially fund those. One goal of the project would be to consider with a provider all available</p>

<p>a. For a youth with Medicaid as primary health insurer and living in a county that does not have funds or very low funds to cover room and board cost in residential treatment, foster care and so forth, will the RFI fund the gap between what the parent and county can afford to pay and the cost of room and board during the pilot period of July 2016 and June 2017?</p> <p>b. For a youth’s family that is not willing to relinquish custody to children services to access funding for room and board cost in residential treatment, foster care and so forth, will the RFI fund the gap of the cost of room and board and what the family can afford to pay during the pilot period of July 2016 and June 2017?</p>	<p>funding sources and maximize those prior to considering something a “funding gap,” and certainly to minimize or eliminate the need for a family to relinquish custody to access funding or needed services.</p>
<p>19. Would this residential facility need to be a locked down facility?</p>	<p>DODD is not requiring the use of a “locked down facility.” If that is the applicants plan, they should indicate that in their Project Description. The provider needs to know and follow all relevant rules.</p>
<p>20. Is the expectation that the service location be an “unlocked” residence/facility?</p>	<p>See #19</p>
<p>21. Does there have to be an established residential setting in the proposed counties or would the chosen provider be given reasonable time to get a facility up and operating?</p>	<p>As indicated in the RFI, it is expected that the chosen applicant will be able to accept referrals by October 1, 2016 at the latest. If the applicant anticipates the needs to “get a facility up and operating,” they should indicate that in their Project Description and their Project Timeline, but should be ready and able to accept referrals October 1.</p>
<p>22. The RFP is written in a way that implies that “Location and condition of residential facility” will be reviewed. Is this indicating that there has to be an existing facility in place or can one be opened if a facility has licensed</p>	<p>See #21</p>

beds available for use once the provider is selected?	
23. Will there be agency administrative cost covered by the state in addition to the cost of care for the participants served?	If the applicant anticipates administrative costs associated with the project, those reasonable costs should be included in their Project Budget.
24. Which state agency would be responsible for making the referrals to the agency for participating youth?	As indicated in the RFI, DODD, in cooperation with Ohio Family and Children First, will be solely responsible for referrals.
25. Is this program available to independent providers? Or is this just for agency providers?	The RFI is intended for agency providers.
26. We are currently licensed under OMHAS and ODJFS (group home, CRC, and foster care). We have not started the process to be DODD licensed. If we begin the licensure process, understanding that it can be lengthy and that licensure will likely not occur before the pilot begins, would an application from our agency be considered?	Applicants providing residential services in a facility should be licensed by OMHAS or ODJFS or DODD, but do not have to be licensed by all three agencies. Applicants should be certified to provide mental health and DODD services, or immediately able to become so. If applicants are not licensed and/or certified, but plan to become so, this should be included as a key activity in the Project Timeline.
27. Is the expectation to have the setting be a licensed setting in some capacity? ODODD, ODFFS Foster Care, etc.	See #26
28. Will agencies accepted into the pilot program be expected to offer services to all youth who are referred or is a screening process allowed?	The goal of DODD would be that referred youth would be accepted and the necessary technical support, back up services, etc. would be offered to make that possible. If the applicant anticipates having admission criteria, they should indicate that criteria clearly in the Project Description.
29. Do the youth that would be served currently have a ODoDD IO Waiver?	They may not currently have an IO Waiver, but an IO Waiver may be available to these youth depending eligibility, level of care, etc.
30. What are examples of the anticipated behaviors compared to the current population served on waivers? "Extremely aggressive behaviors" is stated in the RFI, can further clarification be provided on specific types of aggressive behaviors – SIB, PICA, Property Destruction...	The RFI is being issued in an effort to expand capacity to serve youth who exhibit extreme aggression toward self or others some of whom are among "the current population served on waivers." The youth likely have a history of injury to self or others, property destruction, and may or may not have court involvement.

<p>31. What would the referral process look like from referral source to the provider for this program?</p>	<p>DODD, in cooperation with Ohio Family and Children First, would be the sole referral source. DODD would work with the provider, OFCF, local FCFC and relevant agencies to coordinate intake and services.</p>
<p>32. How is “fiscal solvency” defined as stated in the RFP?</p>	<p>DODD would expect an applicant to be able to demonstrate their financial stability. This might be done through certified financial statements, most recent independent audit, etc. DODD would expect no recent or pending bankruptcy, etc.</p>
<p>33. How would the use of respite services be viewed if the client needed to be moved for safety reasons? Outside any hospitalization that is needed....</p>	<p>DODD would expect the applicant to address this in their project description. For example, if the project anticipates using treatment foster care with planned respite in another treatment foster home or in a residential facility, this should be indicated in the proposal. If a crisis occurs, the provider needs emergency backup, etc. that can be made available, on a limited basis, at one of DODD’s Developmental Centers.</p>
<p>34. If not provided by the Provider, would it be expected that a contract be in place for the educational services listed or would any youth receiving services as part of this RFP simply attend the school district based on address of residence?</p>	<p>This should be addressed in the proposal. Some providers directly deliver educational services, others contract with a charter school, others work with the local school district. DODD would expect providers to consider and address this.</p>
<p>35. Is there a minimum and maximum number of individuals that the State feels appropriate to live together as part of this pilot?</p>	<p>Applicants should address this in their project description, this will vary depending on the model/services (i.e., treatment foster care vs. residential facility), and must comply with the rules governing their particular licensure, certification, etc. Additionally, applicants should consider the unique needs of this population.</p>
<p>36. This is a Pilot Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. So then, I understand then that there is not a current residential model that has the desired outcomes. b. The target population is: youth with autism and/or intellectual/developmental disabilities who meet DD Level of Care. c. The youth have issues in following areas of IQ, Communication, Sensory. 	<p>To clarify, there may or may not be a current residential model that has the desired outcomes. Models may exist, but may not have the capacity to serve additional youth, may have costs that exceed available funding, etc.</p> <p>The target population is youth with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, including autism, and extremely aggressive behaviors.</p> <p>The youth may or may not have issues in these areas.</p>

<p>37. That DODD will determine what youth will participate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does that mean that the agency/provider <i>will not</i> have input in the client’s participation? b. And that the DODD will provide technical assistance and oversight as well as providing back up crisis services at the Developmental Center. 	<p>DODD will be solely responsible, in cooperation with OFCFC, for referring youth.</p> <p>See #28</p> <p>Yes, DODD will provide technical assistance and oversight as well as providing back up crisis services, on a limited basis, at the Developmental Center.</p>
<p>38. The DODD prefers to have the agency/provider to be well established and financially responsible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Does the DODD expect that this programming will be a completely new program within the providing agency? b. Or does the DODD expect that this programming will be an additional program area of an existing program? 	<p>Yes, priority will be given to experienced providers who are fiscally solvent.</p> <p>No, the programming does not have to be a completely new program within the providing agency, and may be an additional program area of an existing program. The applicant should indicate this in their Project Description and their Project Timeline should indicate any key activities, including the ability to accept referrals by October 1, 2016.</p>