



COLORADO

Office of Children,
Youth & Families

Division of Child Welfare

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The Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth and Families, Division of Child Welfare, provides leadership, innovation, oversight, and resources to enhance the delivery of child welfare services that are provided by county departments of human and/or social services and community partners.

The Division promotes the statewide use of best practices that improve child and family outcomes; executes strategies to increase family and community engagement and enhance the supports available to families and kin providers; and leads efforts to provide Colorado with highly trained and child welfare workforce to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of Colorado's children.

Per Section 26-5-102 (3), C.R.S., the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Division of Child Welfare entered into a contract with Laradon Hall Society for Exceptional Children and Adults ("Laradon"), selected by a request for proposal (RFP) for the delivery of services to children and youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). The RFP was awarded to Laradon's Calabrese Youth Center (CYC) and the contract was executed on January 18, 2019. CYC is a licensed Residential Child Care Facility that serves both male and female children and youth ages 11-18 and 18-21 years by court order.

On January 2, 2020, the Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Division of Child Welfare entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for FY19-20 with a network of independent licensed providers selected to provide alternate or stepdown community placement options for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities placed at Laradon Hall's Calabrese Youth Center (CYC) or on the waitlist for CYC. This MOU ends at midnight on June 30, 2020.

The Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Welfare, is seeking to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for FY20-21 with independent vendors to serve children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in a licensed out-of-home setting such as a specialized foster home, specialized group facility or residential child care facility (RCCF) at a \$300 daily rate for purposes of providing alternate or stepdown placement options for children and youth currently placed at the Laradon Hall's Calabrese Youth Center (CYC) or currently on the wait list for the CYC Program. Renewal of the MOU for previously approved providers occurs only through the application process for FY20-FY21 and final approval by the selection committee.

Written proposals are requested by licensed providers to include the following:

- Provider and license type
- Availability/number of admissions
- Agency's history of serving children and youth with IDD and treatment outcomes
- Staffing ratios/qualifications or foster parent training and experience
- Staff/foster parent training and experience specific to the population
- Treatment model utilized
- Support services available
- Model of crisis management utilized
- Mental health treatment & psychiatric treatment options
- School options



- Ability to provide transportation
- Respite options
- Crisis response plan, to include after-hours availability
- Anticipated length of stay
- Indicate if provider is an approved Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP) waiver provider or willingness to apply to Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF)
- Indicate if provider has their mental health designation by Office of Behavioral Health (OBH)
- Budget

Please submit all submissions and/or questions to Shawn Bross, IDD RCCF Administrator at: shawn.bross@state.co.us by June 8, 2020.

Sincerely,



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