

Specific Questions Related to Mercer County 2012 Child Care Services RFP

Question:

The new RFP seems to say that: 1) separate proposals must be submitted for requests in different categories; and 2) more than one request per category is not permitted. In other words, if our agency wanted to submit a proposal similar to its last one, 3 proposals would be needed, 1 each for pre-school, summer camp and after school programs, and we'd need to choose between the Trenton and Ewing requests for pre-school and summer camp. IS THAT CORRECT?

Answer:

The RFP states the following:

More than one proposal per funding category from an individual, a firm or partnership, a corporation or association under the same or different names shall not be considered. If an agency applies for multiple funding categories, a separate complete proposal and packet of forms is necessary for each category for which are applied.

Agencies would need to submit one proposal each for the services offered in this RFP: Infant/Toddler Days, Summer Camp, Before and/or After School Care, Preschool Days and/or Program Enhancements/Support. Should agencies have the same program at different locations (i.e. summer camp at multiple locations), we will allow agencies to submit a proposal for the multiple locations of the program; however, the cost for service at each location must be specified.

Question:

Do programs applying for Summer Camp funding have to service 5-13 year olds? We want to run a summer camp program for kindergarten - third graders.

Answer:

We will allow submission for summer camp for children in kindergarten (as long as camp is for children who have finished kindergarten and are not just entering it) through third grade, as long as the camp fits the other criteria, i.e. the camp services must be provided for full days, every day, for 10 weeks; the children's families must meet the income guidelines; and any other criteria listed in the RFP are met.