



## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

### DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

#### **IMPORTANT Request to Our Partners- STREET OUTREACH**

The New Jersey Department of Children and Families' (DCF) Office of Adolescent Services (OAS) intends to apply for the Federal Grant Street Outreach HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-YO-0956 CFDA #93.557 (STREET OUTREACH). DCF announces its intention to use the funding for a Street Outreach Program in Atlantic County to provide "prevention services to runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to, or at-risk of being subjected to, sexual exploitation and/or sexual abuse". DCF is seeking to expand and enhance street outreach services/community-based homeless youth programming, individualized assessment and case planning, prevention services, education and outreach for youth under 21 years of age. The goal is to provide youth with linkage to the stabilization and supportive services and resources they need, and prepare youth for their transition to adulthood. This program will establish linkages and provide a continuum of care for homeless youth and will serve as major entry points to ensure engagement, treatment, and/or other appropriate programs are available.

DCF is seeking Letters of Commitment from homeless youth and other relevant providers/advocates committing to accept referrals to support these youth and to agree to collaborate with DCF and the awarded provider in the event that these Federal funds are awarded.

It is our intention to issue a Request for Proposals for this funding in order to be prepared if we are so lucky to obtain this award. Attached is a draft RFP which announces our intention to release this for distribution. Please feel free to comment upon this RFP, send question, and to provide a letter of commitment to [dcfaskrfp@dcf.state.nj.us](mailto:dcfaskrfp@dcf.state.nj.us). Please put Street Outreach in the subject of your email. All comments, questions, and letters are due by Thursday April 2, 2015.

Draft letter:

Re; Letter of Commitment Street Outreach

Dear Commissioner Blake

Our organization agrees to commit resources for street outreach in Atlantic County to the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in connection with the Street Outreach grant (HHS-2015-ACF-ACYF-YO-0956 CFDA #93.557).

The following commitments / resources will be available to youth referred by the awarded Street Outreach program in Atlantic County as follows:

*POTENTIAL OPTIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN LETTER:*

- 1) Agree to accept referrals of youth in need of (select all or some) shelter/ mental assistance/drop in services/substance abuse services/services for sexually exploited youth/domestic violence services/services for pregnant or parenting youth/ services for LGBTQI youth.
- 2) Agree to provide data regarding the youth referred and served
- 3) Agree to provide crisis stabilization services and case management services
- 4) Agree to provide employment services
- 5) Agree to provide housing services
- 6) Agree to provide trauma informed care of the youth referred
- 7) Agree to provide services that are culturally competent services
- 8) Agree to provide gateway services (i.e. clothing, food, hygiene products, transportation)
- 9) Your choice, please specify