

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Children's System of Care (CSOC)

2024 Stabilization and Assessment Services (STAS) 5-Bed Program Serving Youth with Mental/Behavioral Health Challenges Statewide

NOTES

Written questions related to the content of this RFP were due on **May 10, 2024**.

A non-mandatory conference was held on **April 29, 2024**

Written technical questions about forms, documents, and format may be emailed at any time up to the due date to dcf.askrfp@dcf.nj.gov.

All responses must be submitted **ONLINE**.

To submit online, respondent must **first** complete and submit an Authorized Representative (AOR) registration form: AOR Registration Form

AOR Registration forms must be received by **May 29, 2024**.

All responses must be received by **June 5, 2024 (by 12:00 NOON)**

CLARIFICATIONS

Q. Is there a 5-bed limit to the STAS program?

A. Yes, no more than 5 youth in the home.

Q. Does the 12-bed state limit for group homes apply?

A. This RFP is for a maximum 5-bed home. It should be its own stand-alone home.

Q. Can we simultaneously serve youth who are not DCP&P?

A. PerformCare, the CSOC Contracted Systems Administrator, reviews requests for admissions to all CSOC residential treatment programs and determines the intensity of service (IOS), or program type, for all residential care.

Once a youth is determined to meet criteria for STAS, this information is shared with DCF. A DCF Liaison from DCP&P or CSOC will make the referral to the STAS program and request authorization for services from PerformCare once the admission has been scheduled.

In a STAS home, awarded respondents shall only serve youth in the STAS intensity of service.

QUESTIONS

Q. Do I have to wait to see if I get an award for this RFP before applying for a license?

A. Applicants are not required to establish a licensed facility in which to operate the program prior to an award. However, plans to site a facility and obtain licensure may be included in the proposal.

Q. I have a licensed facility through another state. If I get approved for the RFP, can I use my out-of-state facility? Or would I need to get a facility in NJ? I would like to get a facility in New Jersey, but just want to know if our out-of-state facility can be used as an option.

A. The facility must be located in New Jersey.

Q. When this type of facility is open, will outside services be available from DDD DCP&P?

A. This is an all-inclusive program, and the agency that is awarded will be providing all the services that are detailed in the RFP. DCP&P's role is transition support and, depending on the child's circumstances, participating in treatment, treatment team meetings, child and family team meetings, etc.

Q. Can you please clarify if this funding is to add a STAS program or are current grantees required to apply to maintain existing contracts?

A. This is a new program, independent of existing programs.

Q. Is this intended to add STAS beds to the system or replace other beds (STAS or other levels of care)?

A. This program is intended to increase capacity for STAS beds.

Q. Is there any geographic preference for this program?

A. There are no restrictions for location. Only that facilities must be in New Jersey.

Q. Does the department anticipate any review of the STAS funding and daily rate?

A. Any increase in the STAS rate would be contingent on an increase of cost of living or funding through the budget process. The only other way to increase the rate is when refinements or adjustments are made to the program model, but this is not being done at this time.