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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

RFI: HMS-503-21-04
Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility Correctional Facility (HYCF)
TRANSITION & AFTERCARE MONITORING SERVICES

The Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Youth Services (OYS) requests information, comments, and feedback from interested service providers, professionals, and/or concerned individuals that will assist the OYS in developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure comprehensive program services for youth and young adults statewide, who are discharged from the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility Correctional Facility (HYCF), to make a positive transition from incarceration back into the community.

Description of the Service:

Youth and young adults returning to their families and communities after incarceration face many challenges, including barriers to family interaction and relationships, education, employment and housing. Many youth and young adults return to unstable family settings, struggle to remain in school, and lack the skills for successful employment or live independently. The general focus of services shall be to reduce problem behaviors and risk factors and increase practical living skills for pro-social independence. Transition services focus on providing “and” “or” continuing positive connections between youth and young adults, families, and community resources, supporting and strengthening pro-social decision-making skills and techniques, providing life skill-building activities, assuring that youth and young adults continue all programs and services recommended in their re-entry transition plan, and providing case management and advocacy services. Transition services shall begin the moment the youth and young adults enters HYCF, continues during facility placement and community transition, and during community-based aftercare until the youth and young adults completes the program or is discharged from HYCF and/or parole.

The long-term overarching goal is to provide a foundation for youth and young adults to achieve a liveable wage, stable housing, and positive community supports. Services will provide genuine rehabilitation to youth and young adults that contribute to their successful productive lives and reduce risk factors such as teen pregnancy, school termination, delinquency, re-involvement in the juvenile justice system, homelessness and other undesired outcomes.

A. Proposed services may include, but are not limited to, the following components:

- 1 Provide pre-release weekly transition group services for youth and young adults.
- 2 In collaboration with the HYCF staff, begin meeting with the youth and young adults to plan for successful re-entry back into the community. Led by the youth or young adult, and involve family members as appropriate, this will include the identification of both short-term and long-term goals and methods to achieve established goals.
- 3 In collaboration with HYCF parole staff, develop a re-entry transition plan for youth and young adults that address reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors. Transition plans, at a minimum, shall address family, substance abuse, peer associations/friends, school, vocational and employment conflict and achievement, and mental, behavioral, and physical health.
- 4 Prior to release, ensure a continuum of services for youth and young adults upon release, as needed (i.e. mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, educational or vocational services).
- 5 Arrange for family visitations, if appropriate, to establish or maintain positive relationships. As the discharge date approaches, a family group conferencing model “and” “or” circle of support approach may be utilized to help plan for youth and young adults’ transition back to the family and community.
- 6 Participate in the wraparound process as needed.
- 7 Provide monitoring of youth and young adults in the community that augments parole supervision, which may include 24-hour availability to respond to crisis situations. Implement a process in collaboration with HYCF staff to determine the level and intensity of monitoring/contacts.
- 8 Engage, motivate, and empower the youth and young adults and family to strengthen their support systems and enhance their capacity to resolve problems and overcome barriers appropriately and to mediate crisis, and to act on their own behalf.
- 9 Support youth and young adults in their efforts to maintain educational, vocational, and work-related goals. Work with local schools to assist with re-enrollment; or develop alternative plans for continuing education. Assist youth and young adults with applying for employment and vocational-related services.
- 10 Provide cognitive, social, and independent living skill-building activities.
- 11 Assist in the implementation of the transition plan. Coordinate referrals to services (e.g., mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, anger management, employment skills training, tutoring, etc.) and follow up to ensure that youth and young adults are engaged with services. Advocate on the youth and young adults or the families’ behalf to secure resources necessary to achieve their goals. Participate in meetings with representatives of the HYCF (including Multi-Disciplinarian Team Meetings), Family Court, Department of

Human Services, Department of Education, Department of Health, and other pertinent agencies. The purpose of these meetings is to update the agencies on issues, concerns, progress, and problems relating to the provision of services to youth and young adults.

B. Transition & Aftercare Monitoring Program Goals:

1. Youth and young adults remain free from criminal and status offense behavior
2. Youth and young adults thriving within stable and clean housing
3. Youth and young adults with positive independent living skills
4. Youth and young adults maintain a positive community support team

C. Outcomes may include, but are not limited to:

1. Decreased the youth and young adults's length of time incarcerated (measured in days).
2. Decreased future criminal and status offense behavior.
3. Increased youth and young adults and family protective factors (strengths).
4. Increased positive relationships between youth and young adults and parents/caregivers.
5. Increased youth and young adults who remain with or reunify with family or caregivers.
6. Increased youth and young adults and family protective factors (strengths).
7. Increased youth and young adults and family achievement of established goals.
8. Increased youth and young adults skills for adulthood.
9. Increased positive community supports for youth and young adults and adult.

D. Data Management/Collection: The services agency shall maintain data to include, but not limited to; a minimum of the listed demographics, three risk and three protective factors related to the above listed program goals:

- i. *Youth and young adults Demographics:* age, gender, ethnicity, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP), and disability service needs.
- ii. *Risk Factors:*
 - i. Reduce Delinquency
 - j. Reduce Arrests
 - k. Reduce Disproportionate Minority Contact
 - l. Reduce Substance Use, Abuse
 - m. Reduce Anger, Violence
 - n. Reduce Gang Activity
 - o. Reduce Risk for Pregnancy
 - p. Reduce Alienation
- iii. *Protective Factors:*
 - i. Increased Accountability and Independent Living Skills
 - ii. Improved Family Relationships
 - iii. Increase Connectedness with Community
 - iv. Increase Cultural Awareness, Appreciation
 - v. Improve Self-Image, Self-Esteem

- vi. Increase Pro-social Behavior and Social Competency
- vii. Increase Health, Physical Competencies
- viii. Increase Educational Competency (Increased GPA, Attendance)
- ix. Increase Family, Community Support
- x. Increase Vocational Competency
- xi. Increase Family, Community Support of Youth and young adults's Program

Deadline for Response: Written comments, suggestions, and other feedback for consideration in the scope of work and RFP requirements are requested by fax, mail or email by March 2, 2021.

A virtual meeting will be held on February 23, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (HST) via **Zoom**.

Topic: HYCF Transition and Aftercare Monitoring Request for Information (RFI)
Time: February 23, 2021 9:00 A.M. HST

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NOTE: Participation in this RFI process is optional and is not required in order to respond to any subsequent procurement by the OYS. Neither the OYS nor any interested party responding to this RFI has any obligation under the RFI. The OYS may engage in further informal discussions to gather additional information and recommendations to assist in developing the RFP. Please call Leanne Gillespie at (808)587-5712 with questions regarding this RFI.