

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. If an organization sent a proposal for the original RFP, are they required to submit an RFP for the second RFP?**
 - a. Each organization would be required to submit a proposal. If the organization believes their original proposal matches the requirements of the second RFP, they can submit their original proposal. Otherwise, the organization can submit a new/updated proposal.

- 2. Would teletherapy bids be considered for the award of this RFP?**
 - a. Although we support some supplemental services being provided through teletherapy, we would expect the vendor to provide onsite therapists to our schools to do in-person therapies.

- 3. How many of each provider type are needed for the 20-21 school year?**
 - a. Our preference would be coverage for our whole distance, but we understand that there will need to be a period to develop and staff the program. Therefore, we would expect the vendor/organization to submit their projection of cost to Carmel Clay Schools and provider numbers/services based on the projected cost. At that time, the vendor/organization can discuss their strategy for staffing during the development of the program.

- 4. Given the current situation, will RFPs be accepted via email and/or mail?**
 - a. Email will be accepted. Please send RFP to swhitesi@ccs.k12.in.us

- 5. Does the District currently contract for these services?**
 - a. We currently have an agreement with one agency, but do not provide funding to that agency.

- 6. What are the current rates for each service?**
 - a. Our District does not complete the billing. The agency completes the billing. Our expectation would be that the identified vendor would continue to bill a third party.

- 7. What is the breakdown of the points/weights for the scoring criteria?**
 - a. During this second RFP, we are not assigning points to each section; however, district leaders will meet to review proposed services provided, business model, capacity to provide services and staff needs, and cost of services.

- 8. What background/licensure is expected of professionals providing services to your district?**
 - a. We are currently requesting Bachelor and Licensed/Master-level professionals that are paneled and able to bill a third party for services. This would include LSW, LCSW, LMFT, LMHCA, and LMHC.

- 9. What is the budget for the Student Behavioral & Mental Health Services for the 2020-2021 academic year?**
- a. We are not identifying a budget at this time. Instead, we are asking organizations to quote an amount to staff providers that will meet the needs of our students.
- 10. As in the previous round, will providers have access to the school buildings to provide year-round services?**
- a. Yes. They will.
- 11. Does the Carmel Clay School System have a preference for the number of days for billable versus non-billable hours as in the previous round?**
- a. No, we are leaving it up to the provider as they have the best knowledge of their business model and cost at this time.
- 12. Does the Carmel Clay Schools want vendors to only submit information listed in the updated proposal or is there additional information you would like submitted as in the initial proposal (ie: organizational hierarchy, ability to provide evidence-based substance use treatment, staff training/professional development, etc)?**
- a. We would vendors to only submit the information listed in the updated proposal as we feel these are the most important services we are focused on at this time.

*If you have additional questions not listed on this FAQ, please contact Mental Health Coordinator Stephanie Whiteside at swhitesi@ccs.k12.in.us