



ADDENDUM NO. 1 to RFP 10-01

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – FAMILY SUPPORT

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| 1. | Question: | Where can you get the Life Skills Progression Instrument? |
| | Answer: | If your project is selected for an award, we will provide it to you. If you choose, you can also purchase it from the publisher. |
| 2. | Question: | Case Management Model, where are we able to get the program? We have been doing case management for year. |
| | Answer: | No specific model is being suggested. A model of structured case management is required as opposed to an unstructured, non-directed or unfocused model. Models can be found through research. |
| 3. | Question: | Can a Resource Center with services food pantry/referrals case management and with parenting class w/ literacy do I need to have one application or two? They are in the same cluster. |
| | Answer: | A Parenting Education (PE) Program that includes a component to meet basic needs through a Resource Center (RC) is one proposal. A Resource Center that provides referrals and case management is a separate proposal. An agency may submit a proposal for either one or both. A literacy component could be included in either proposal as long as PE and/or RC requirements are met. It is also possible for a Resource Center to propose to subcontract the Parenting Education component. The proposal(s) submitted depends upon program design. |
| 4. | Question: | What is F5SB's definition of "demonstrating an ability to help families meet basic needs"? |
| | Answer: | Describe how you would help to meet families' basic needs in your proposal. Please refer to the definition of "Basic Needs" in the Definitions on page 5 of the RFP. |
| 5. | Question: | Parenting Education goes beyond just classroom settings, correct? |
| | Answer: | Yes. |
| 6. | Question: | Who is the review panel for proposals? Comprised of whom? |
| | Answer: | The proposals will be reviewed by a panel of both internal and external reviewers who are knowledgeable in the cluster areas. |
| 7. | Question: | Please define evidence based, evidence informed, science based, best practice, research based. Explain why First 5 will not accept science based model/approaches. |
| | Answer: | Please refer to Definitions on page 5 of the RFP. Per our definition, evidence based refers to the use of research and scientific studies as a base for determining best practices, so science based model/approaches will be expected. |
| 8. | Question: | If you have two strategies in one cluster (Parenting Education and Resource Center) do you have to submit two separate budgets along with two separate applications? |
| | Answer: | Maybe. It depends on your program design. If you are submitting two proposals, then two separate budgets are necessary. Please see response to Question no. 3. |
| 9. | Question: | Do applicants need to serve both universal/selective populations and indicated populations or can we choose one or the other of these two groups? |
| | Answer: | You may choose one or the other or both. |
| 10. | Question: | Are kinship caregivers and fathers the only target populations that can be served through Parenting Education, or are they simply priority populations? |
| | Answer: | They are priority/recommended target populations. |

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| 11. | Question: | On page 3 of the agenda handout for the bidder's conference, slide 3 (Program Objectives) indicates that agencies interested in applying for more than one strategy within a cluster must submit separate applications if the strategies are separate projects. If our agency is proposing to provide parenting education through a family resource center, would that qualify as a single project or multiple projects? |
| | Answer: | It depends upon your program design. Separate projects require separate proposals. Please see response to Question no. 3. |
| 12. | Question: | Define Family Resource Center. |
| | Answer: | Please refer to the Definitions on page 7 of the RFP at the bottom of the page. |
| 13. | Question: | Please provide a sample of a workplan. |
| | Answer: | Please refer to Attachment A for the workplan template and page 30 of the RFP for guidance in filling it out. Successful proposers advancing to contract negotiations may be asked to fine tune aspects of their workplan. |
| 14. | Question: | If my Parenting Education classes are at the Resource Center, do I need an M.O.U. from the Center? |
| | Answer: | You will need to demonstrate that your program is viable, which includes having appropriate subcontracts and M.O.U.s in place. |
| 15. | Question: | Do we need to address all target populations? |
| | Answer: | Please address only those for which you can deliver positive outcomes. |
| 16. | Question: | Can you give an example of an evidence based and evidence informed parent education model that we can draw from or see? |
| | Answer: | Please refer to the References section on Page 8 of the Family Support Cluster (Exhibit B). |
| 17. | Question: | Do we need to cover all three categories? Children are Safe and Healthy; Children are Ready to Enter and Succeed in School; Families are Safe, Healthy, Nurturing, and Self-Sustaining. |
| | Answer: | No. Please cover only those that you have the capacity to deliver. |
| 18. | Question: | Parent support for us includes home visits for parents and children 0-5, attending IEP meetings with family, and doing teacher training for teachers receiving our children in mainstream classrooms when specific needs for child needs to be met. One or two applications? |
| | Answer: | Teacher training is not a direct service and therefore does not qualify under this RFP. You may submit a proposal for Parenting Education Services and any other cluster that may apply. |
| 19. | Question: | We are a Resource Center. We do not provide Parenting Education. However, as a service to our clients we provide health education (i.e. breastfeeding, childbirth education). Can this service be included in our Resource Center? |
| | Answer: | Yes. |
| 20. | Question: | This seems very FRC/Community Based. Is there room in this grant for hospital based education at birth? |
| | Answer: | If you are seeking health related outcomes you will want to consider submitting a proposal under the Health and Well Being cluster. |
| 21. | Question: | If applying for Parenting Education must we address all three areas on page 1 of Exhibit A? |
| | Answer: | Not applicable. Exhibit A pertains to Early Care and Education. |
| 22. | Question: | Is evidence based preferred over evidence informed? Is it scientific based? What is the difference between evidence based and evidence informed? |
| | Answer: | Both models meet the RFP requirement. Evidence based relies more on science and evidence informed relies more on research. |

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| 23. | Question: | Parent Education: May we offer proposals utilizing evidence based curricula different from those on the reference list of the Family support Cluster RFP, or are we limited to only those listed? If you do permit proposals using other evidence based curricula, how will you prefer this evidence based aspect be demonstrated (ex: literature review, ID by other government entity). |
| | Answer: | You are not limited to the list provided, but you must demonstrate you can produce outcomes for the target population you have chosen to serve. Please refer to page 5 of Exhibit B for details about models not identified in the References section. |

As a reminder, the proposal deadline has been extended and proposals are due by 4 PM, PST on Friday, February 19, 2010 to First 5 San Bernardino located at:

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